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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
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YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHERE SONIC BATTLES THIS TIME!
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AHEM! I SAID," HE AWAITS THE CROWD--"Hmm... THIS IS STRANGE! THE MAIN SECURITY STATION IS *UNATTENDED!*

SCREEEEECH!!!...

IN FACT, THE WHOLE PLACE SEEMS TO BE DESERTED...WHICH LEADS ME TO WONDER...

ZIP!

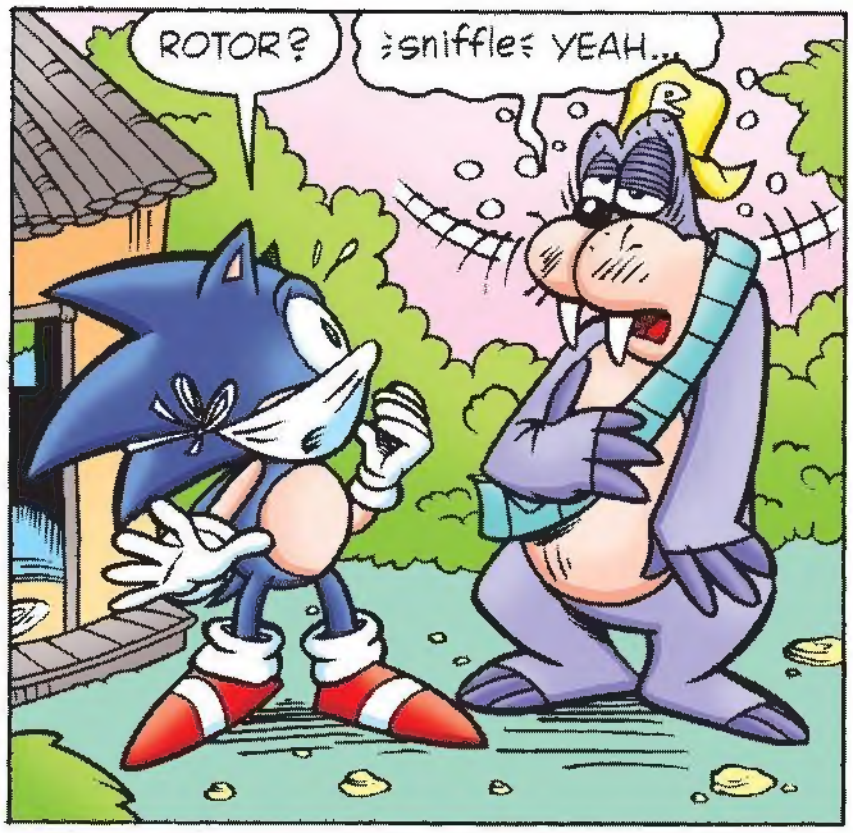
ERT!

...WHERE IS EVERYBODY?

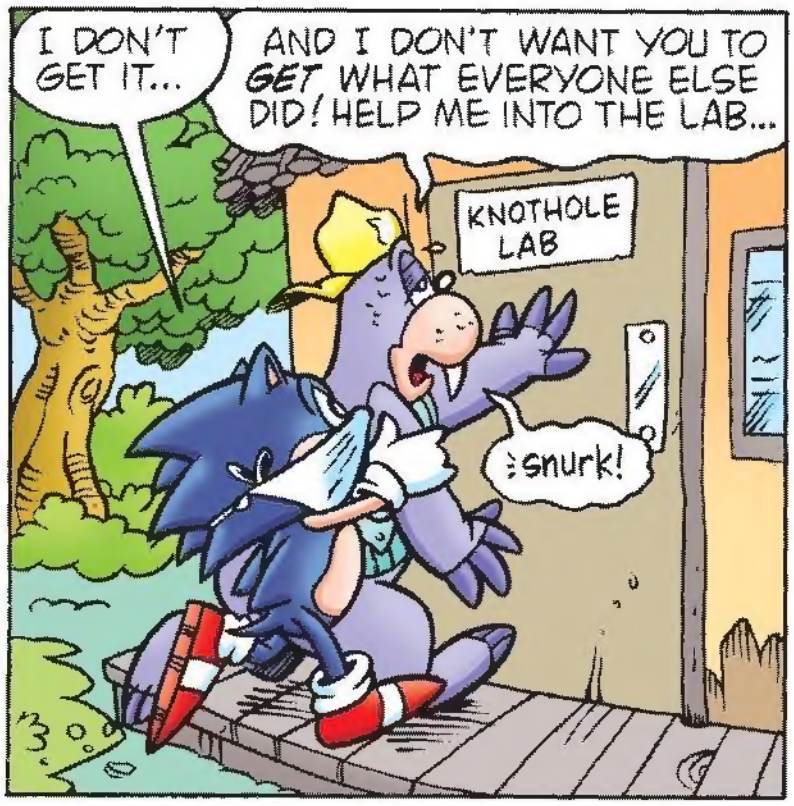
TSK! THIS IS WAY PAST UNCOOL! I'M GETTING A BAD FEELING...

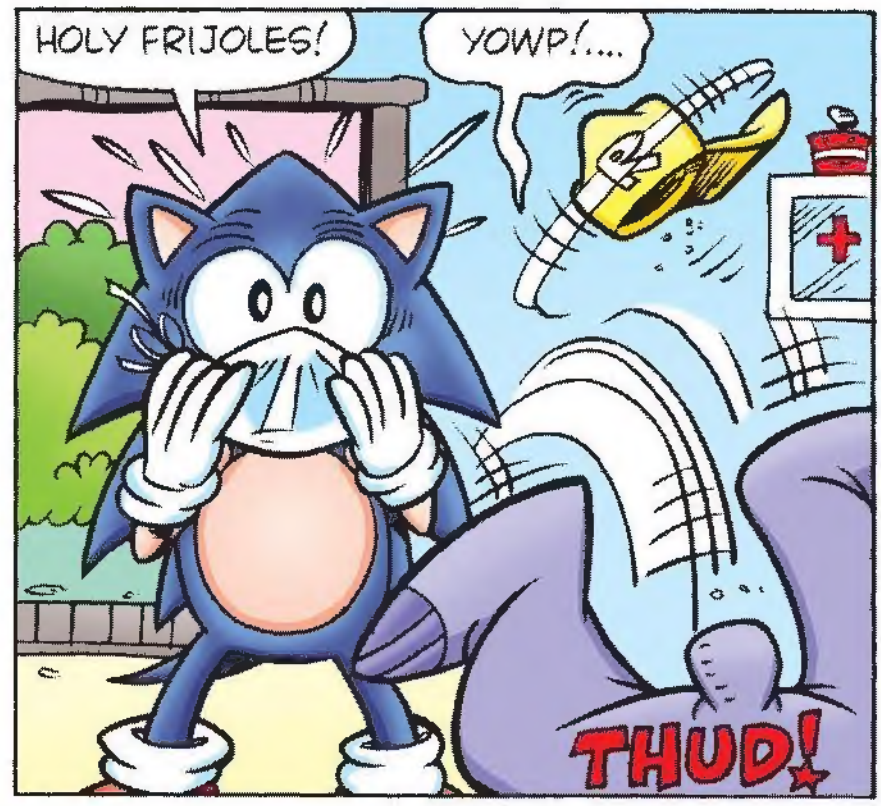
THAT'S WHAT I'M HERE TO PREVENT!

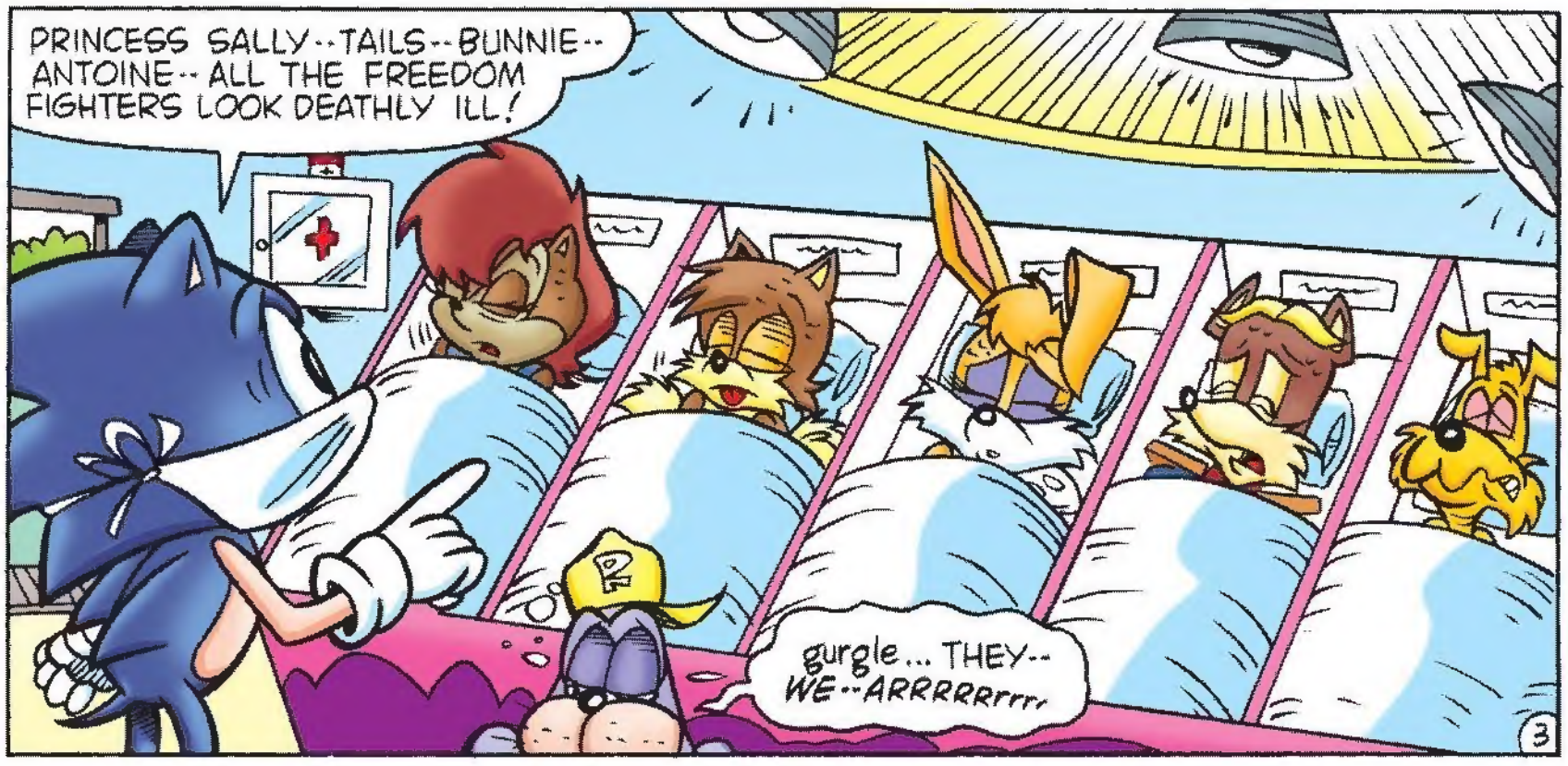
HMMF?

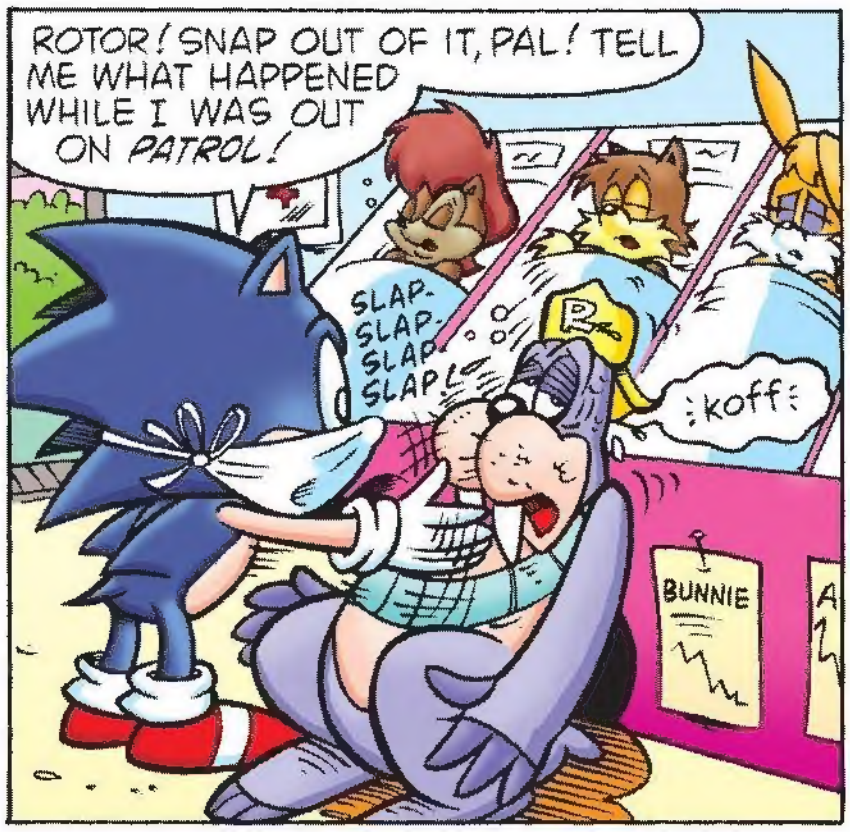

ROTOR?
:sniffle: YEAH...

WHAT'S WRONG, MAN? YOU LOOK AWFUL!
:cough: I KNOW... THAT'S WHY I MASKED YOU!


I DON'T GET IT...
AND I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET WHAT EVERYONE ELSE DID! HELP ME INTO THE LAB...
KNOTHOLE LAB
:snurk!


HOLY FRIJOLES!
YOWP!....
THUD!


PRINCESS SALLY--TAILS--BUNNIE--ANTOINE--ALL THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS LOOK DEATHLY ILL!
gurgle... THEY--WE--ARRRRRRRRR


ROTOR! SNAP OUT OF IT, PAL! TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED WHILE I WAS OUT ON PATROL!
SLAP-SLAP-SLAP-SLAP!
:koff:
BUNNIE

IT ALL STARTED WHEN WE ORDERED TAKE OUT FROM THAT NEW FAST FOOD RESTAURANT...
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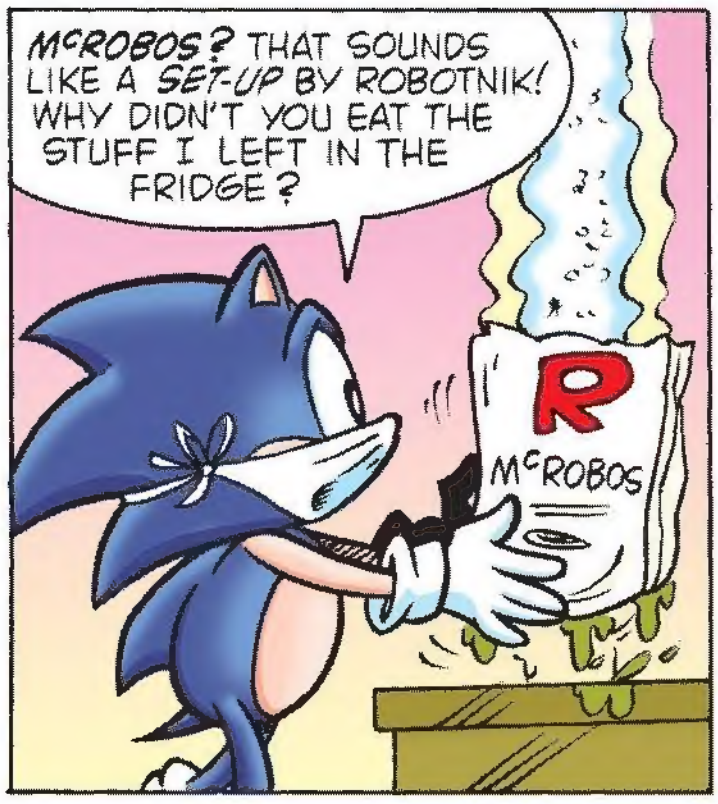
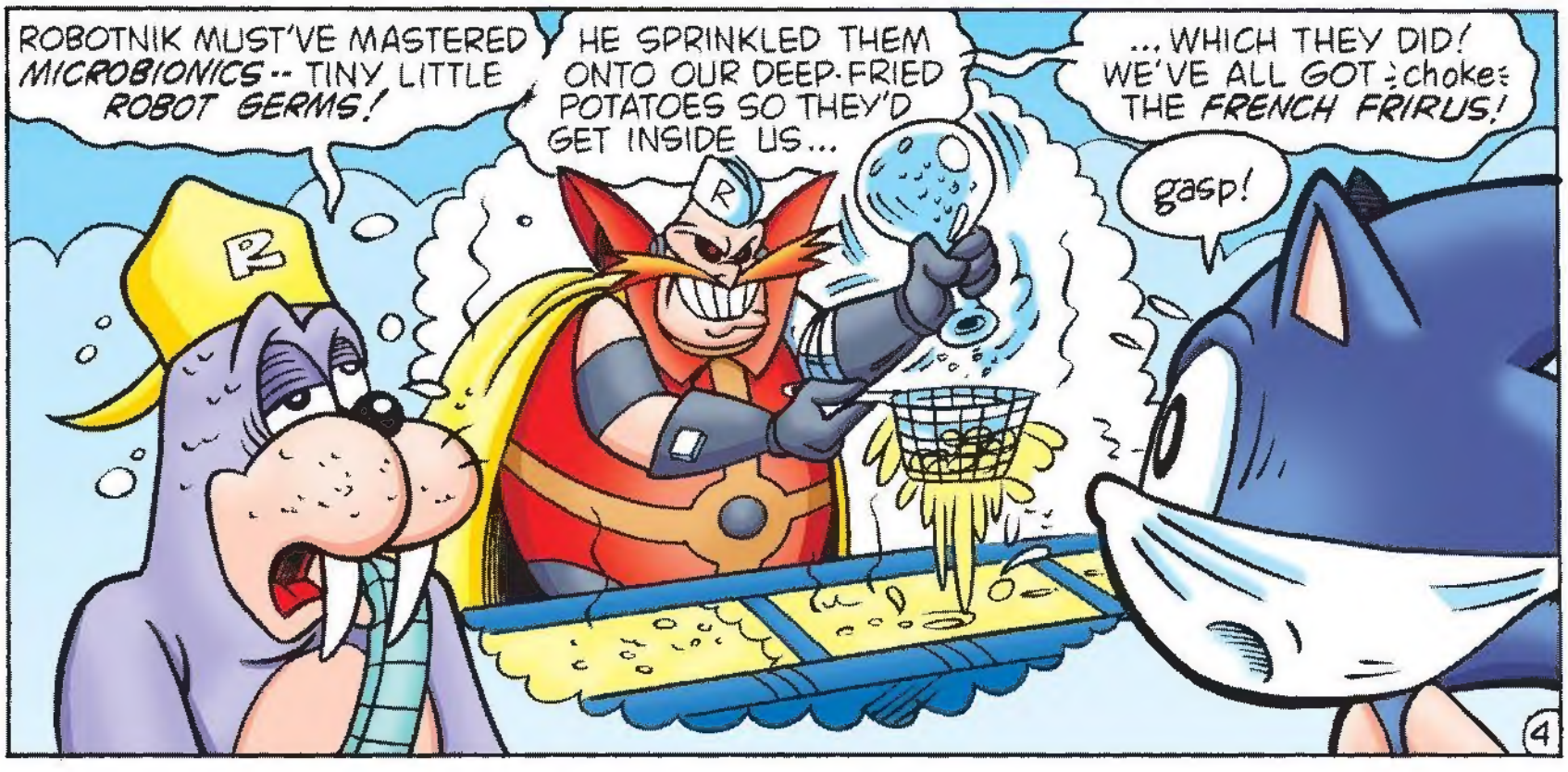
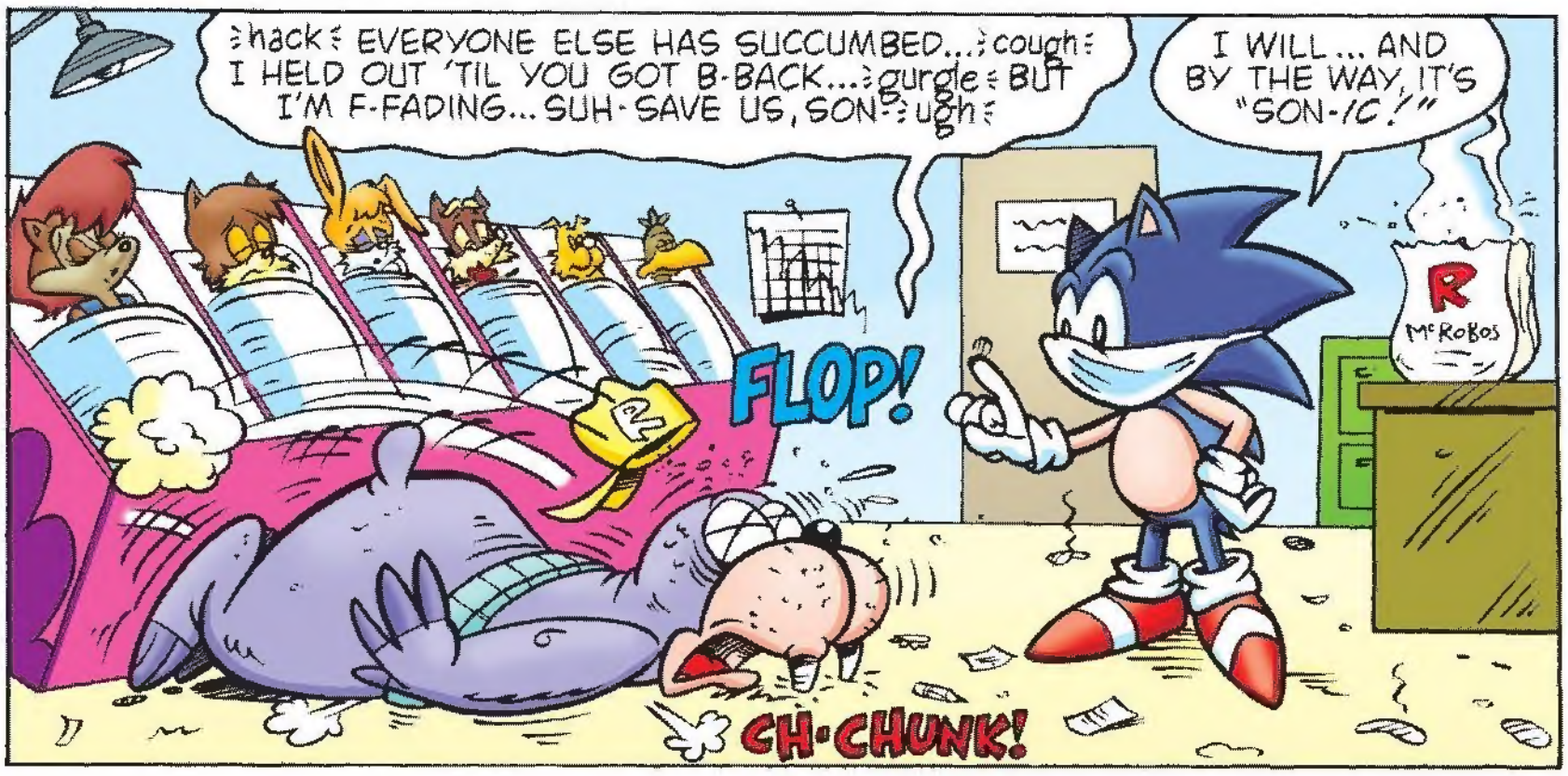
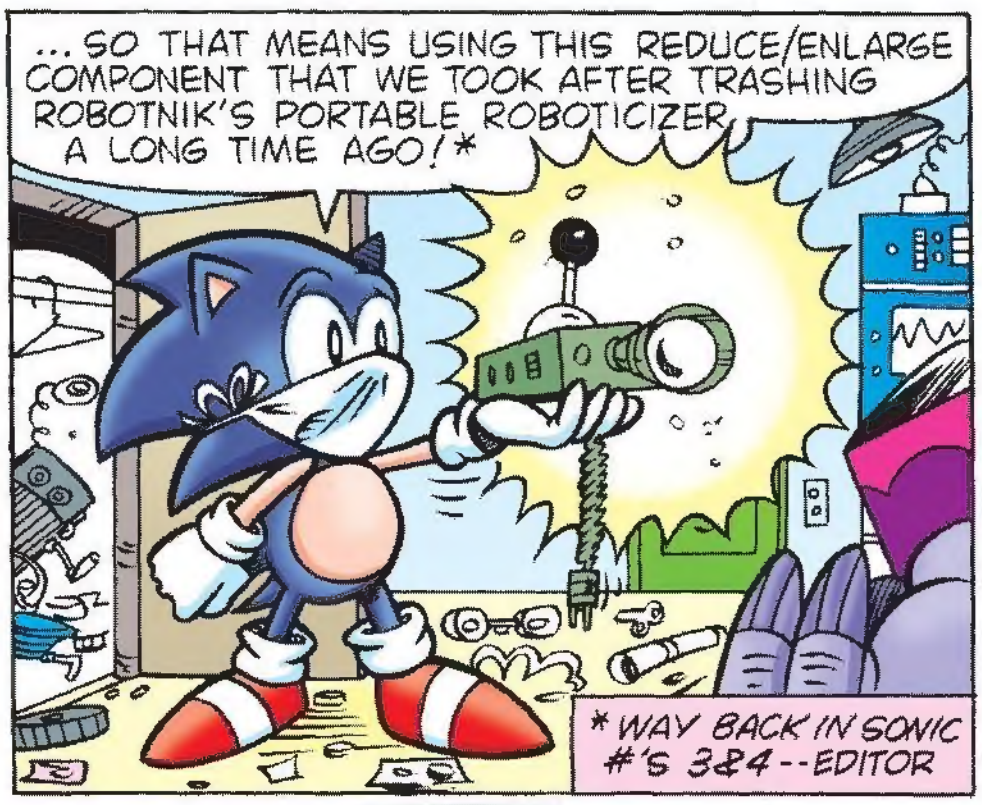

McROBOS? THAT SOUNDS LIKE A SET-UP BY ROBOTNIK! WHY DIDN'T YOU EAT THE STUFF I LEFT IN THE FRIDGE?
McROBOS

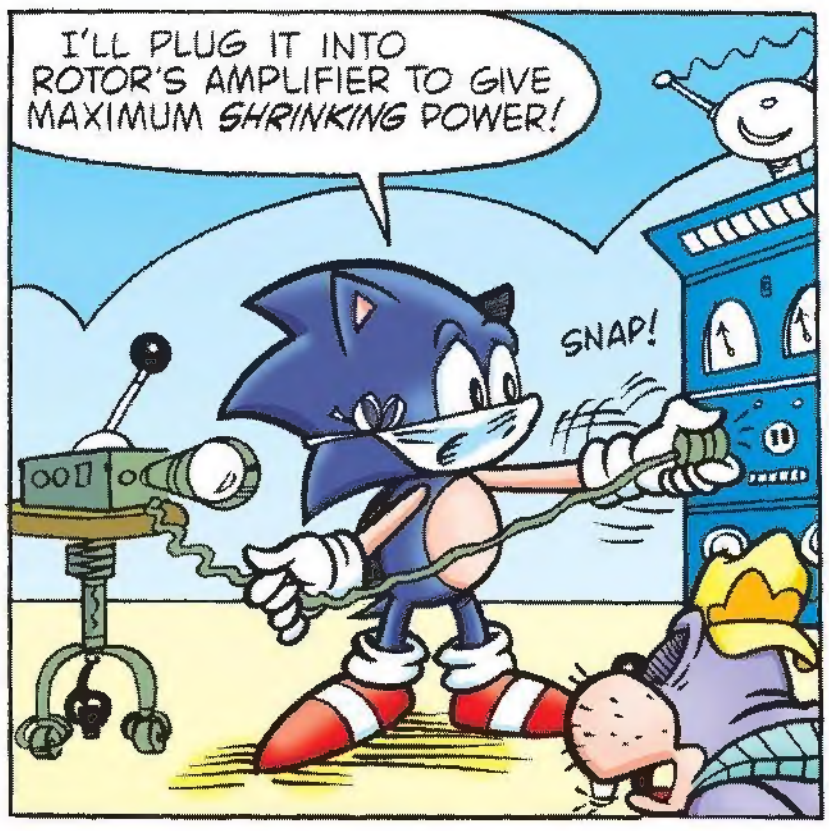
:wheeze: WE'RE ALL TIRED OF YOUR LEFT-OVER CHILI DOGS! :sniffle: BUT YOU'RE RIGHT... IT WAS A TRAP!
WHAT HAPPENED?


ROBOTNIK MUST'VE MASTERED MICROBIONICS -- TINY LITTLE ROBOT GERMS!
HE SPRINKLED THEM ONTO OUR DEEP-FRIED POTATOES SO THEY'D GET INSIDE US...
...WHICH THEY DID! WE'VE ALL GOT :choke: THE FRENCH FRIRUS!
gasp!

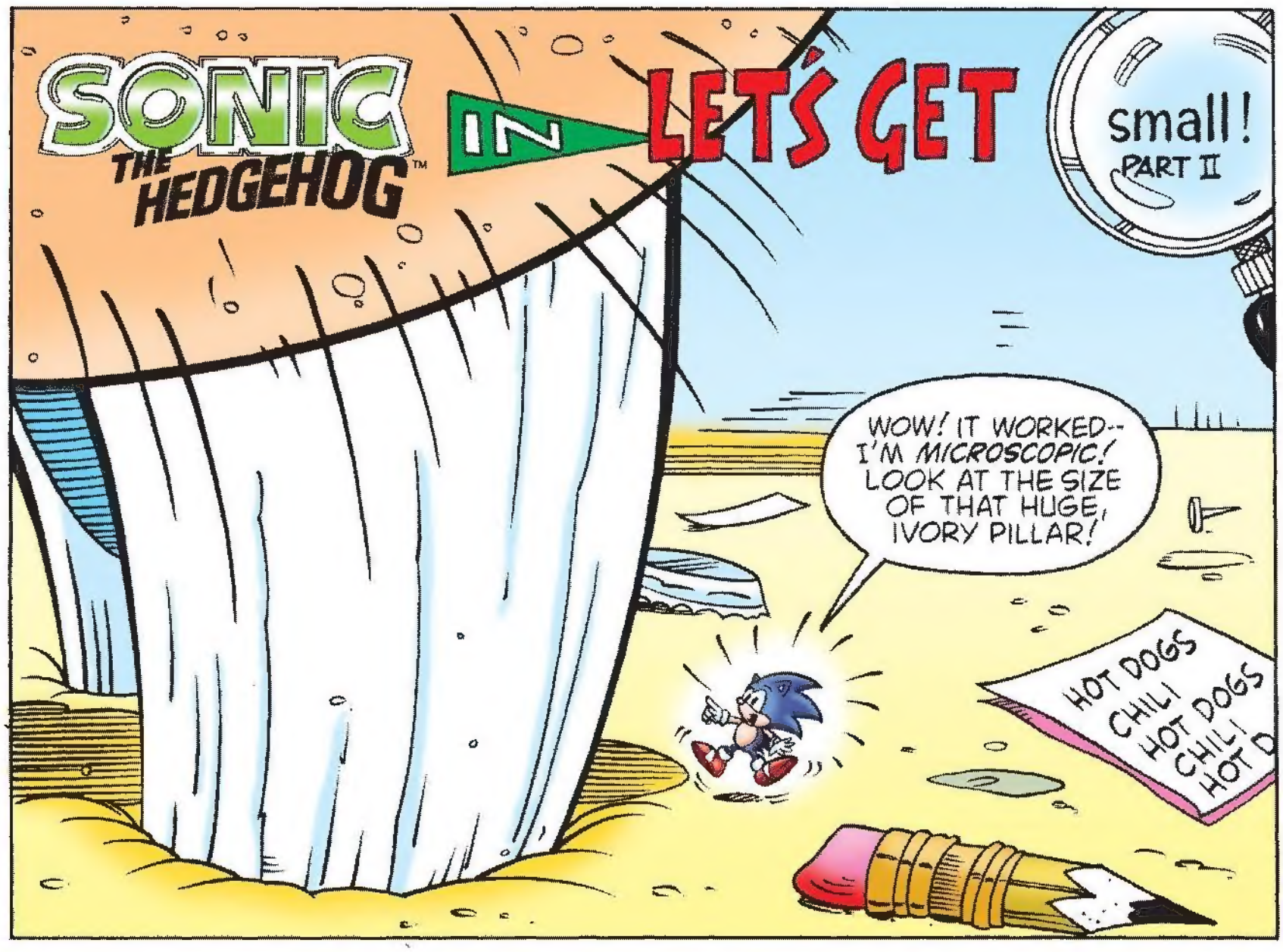

:hack: EVERYONE ELSE HAS SUCCUMBED...:cough: I HELD OUT 'TIL YOU GOT B-BACK...:gurgle: BUT I'M F-FADING... SUH-SAVE US, SON:ugh:
I WILL... AND BY THE WAY, IT'S "SON-IC!"
FLOP!
CH-CHUNK!
R
McROBOS

THIS PROBLEM HAS TO BE SOLVED AT THE MICROSCOPIC LEVEL...
STORAGE CLOSET


...SO THAT MEANS USING THIS REDUCE/ENLARGE COMPONENT THAT WE TOOK AFTER TRASHING ROBOTNIK'S PORTABLE ROBOTICIZER A LONG TIME AGO!*
* WAY BACK IN SONIC #'S 3&4--EDITOR


I'LL PLUG IT INTO ROTOR'S AMPLIFIER TO GIVE MAXIMUM *SHRINKING* POWER!
SNAP!

HERE I GO! ONE SMALL STEP FOR A HEDGEHOG... ONE GIANT LEAP FOR.....
CLICK!
END of PART I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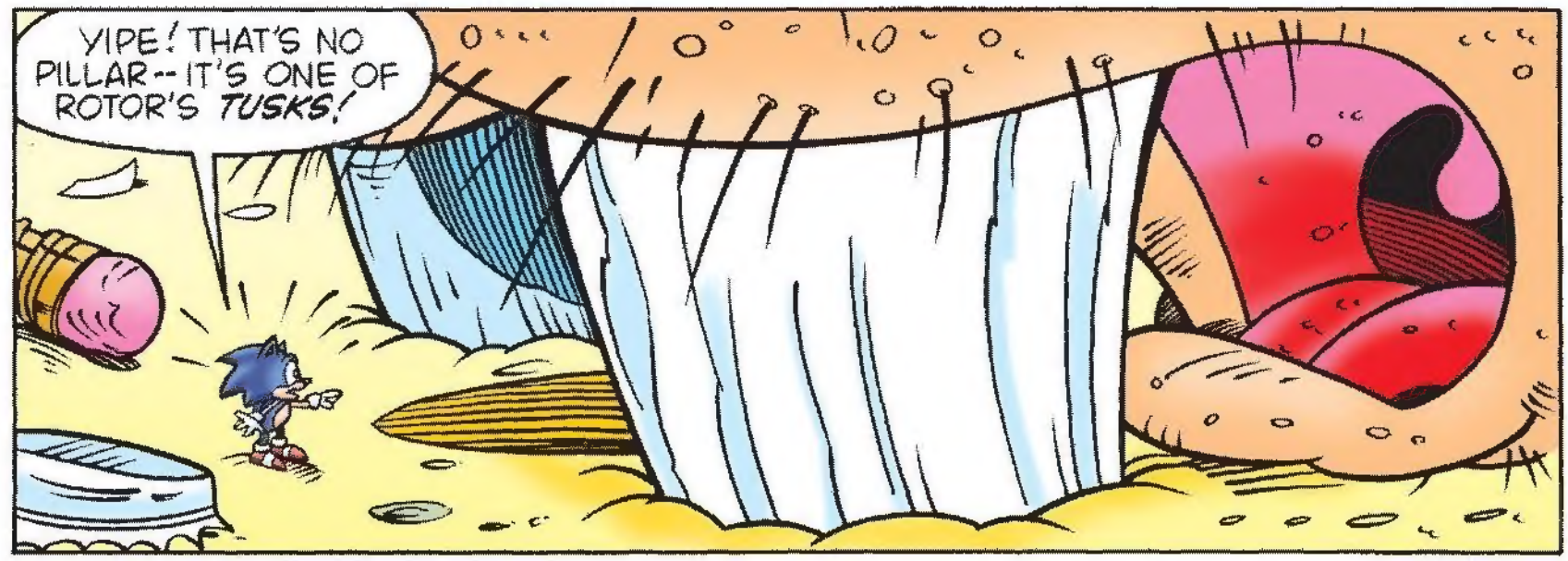
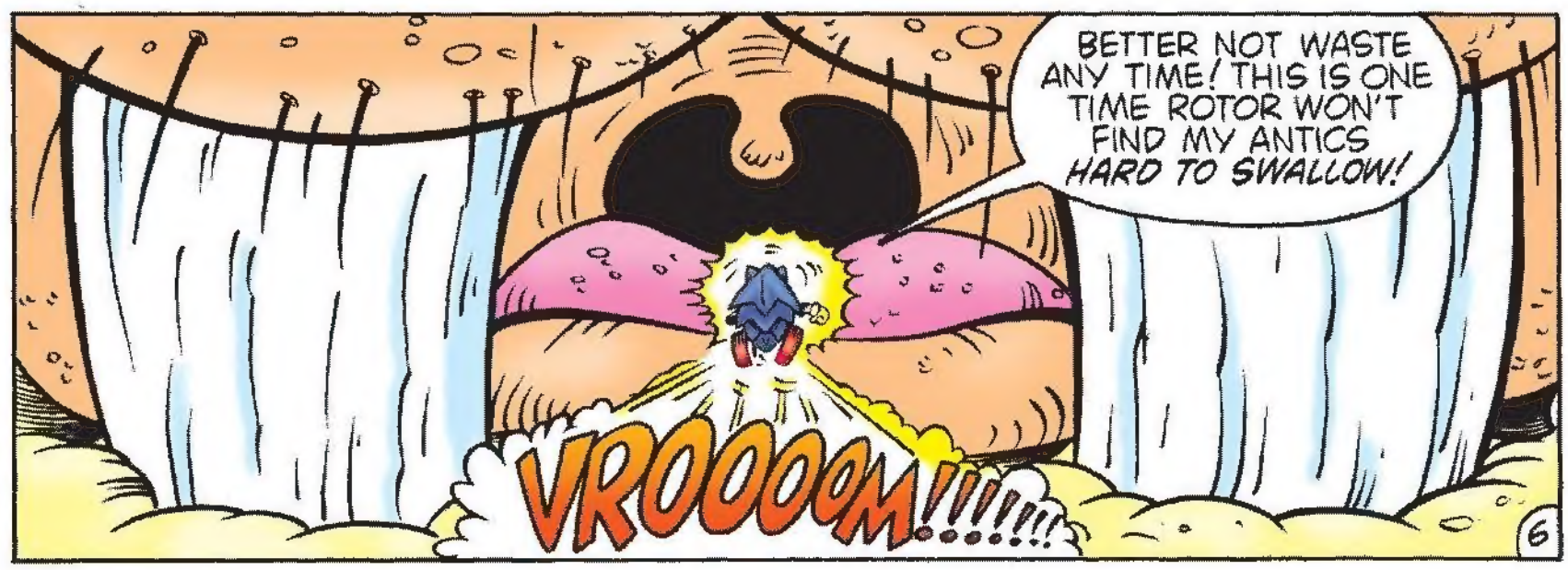
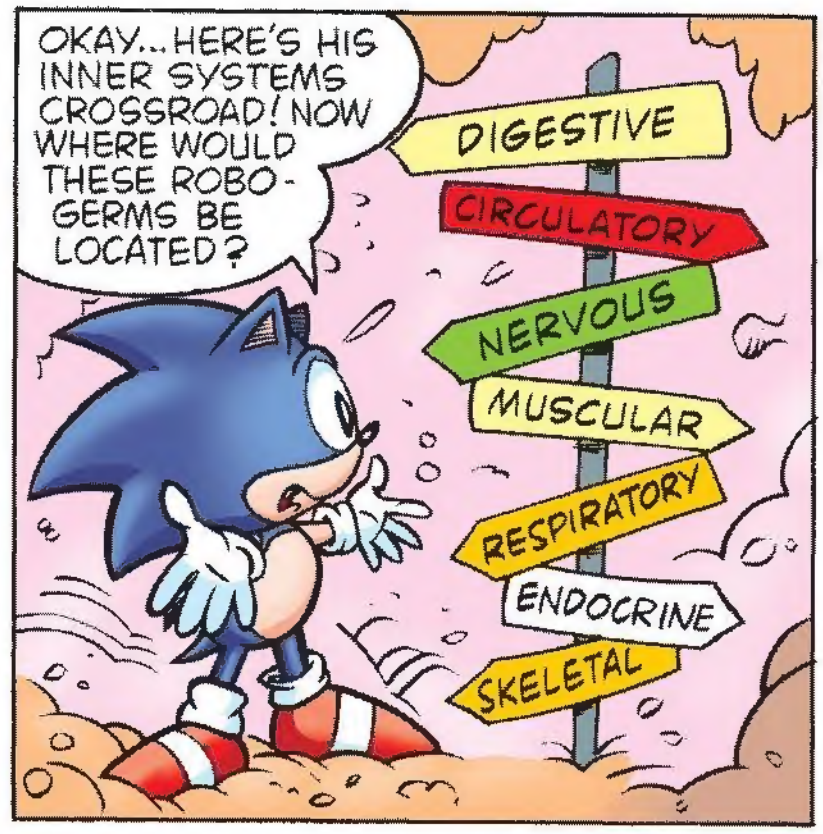
LET'S GET small!
PART II
WOW! IT WORKED-- I'M MICROSCOPIC! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT HUGE, IVORY PILLAR!
HOT DOGS CHILI HOT DOGS CHILI HOT D


YIPE! THAT'S NO PILLAR-- IT'S ONE OF ROTOR'S TUSKS!


BETTER NOT WASTE ANY TIME! THIS IS ONE TIME ROTOR WON'T FIND MY ANTICS HARD TO SWALLOW!
VROOOOM!!!!!!!

PHEWW! MAYBE I SHOULD'VE GONE DOWN THE GULLET OF SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T EAT *FISH* ALL DAY LONG!


OKAY... HERE'S HIS INNER SYSTEMS CROSSROAD! NOW WHERE WOULD THESE ROBO-GERMS BE LOCATED?
DIGESTIVE
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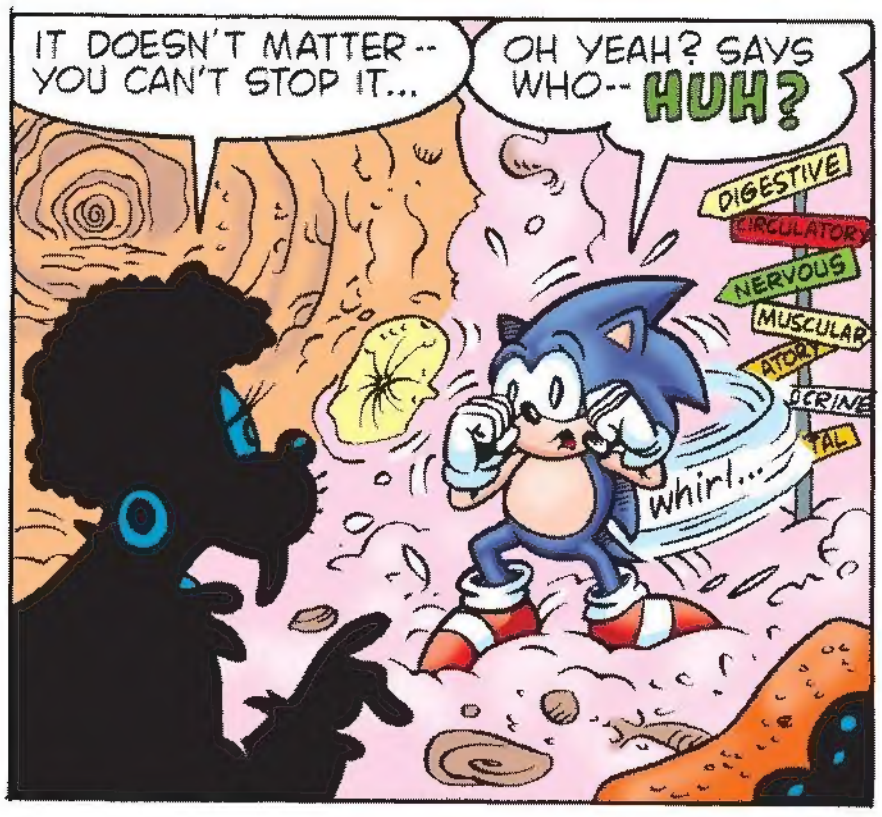
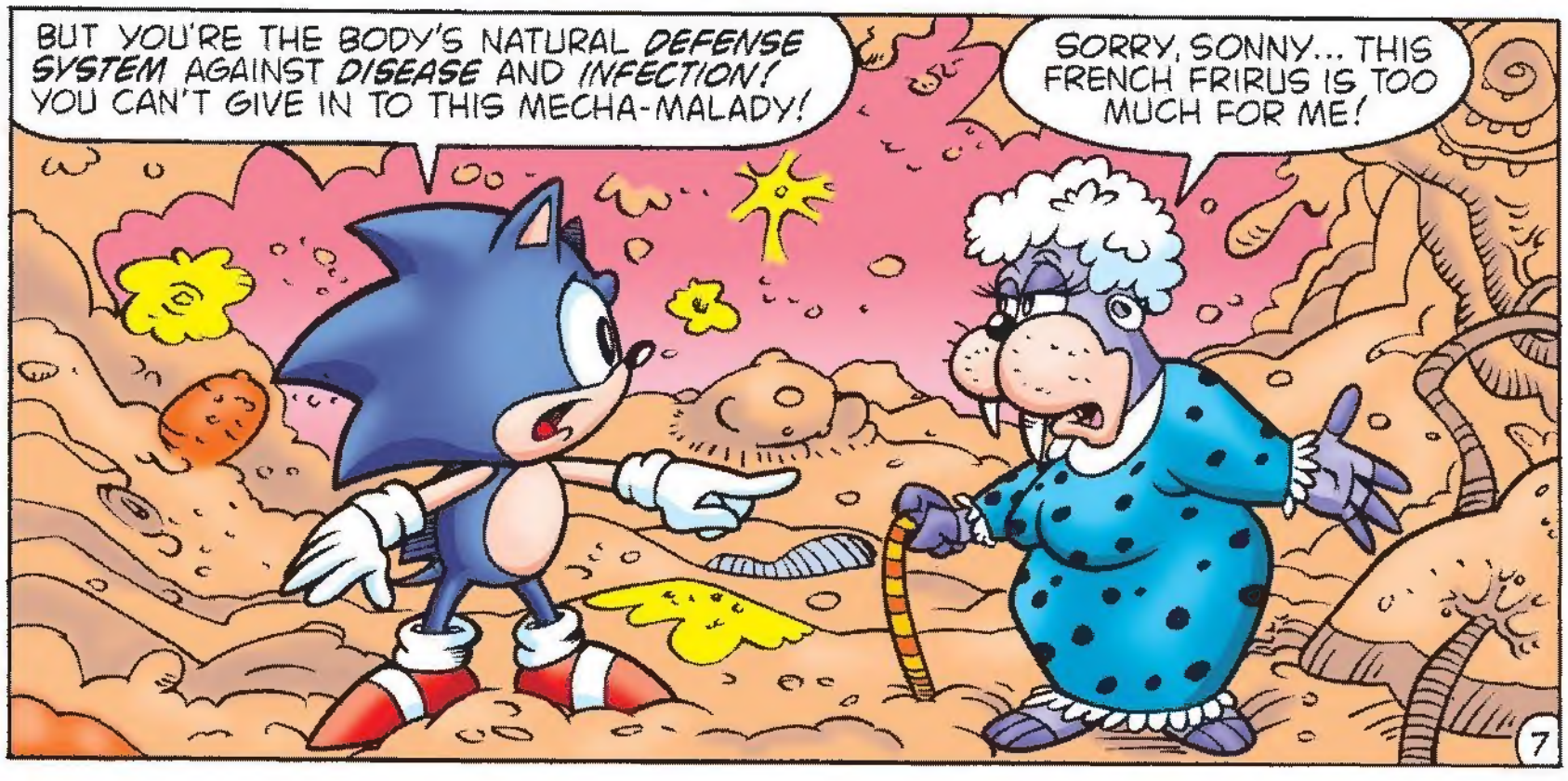
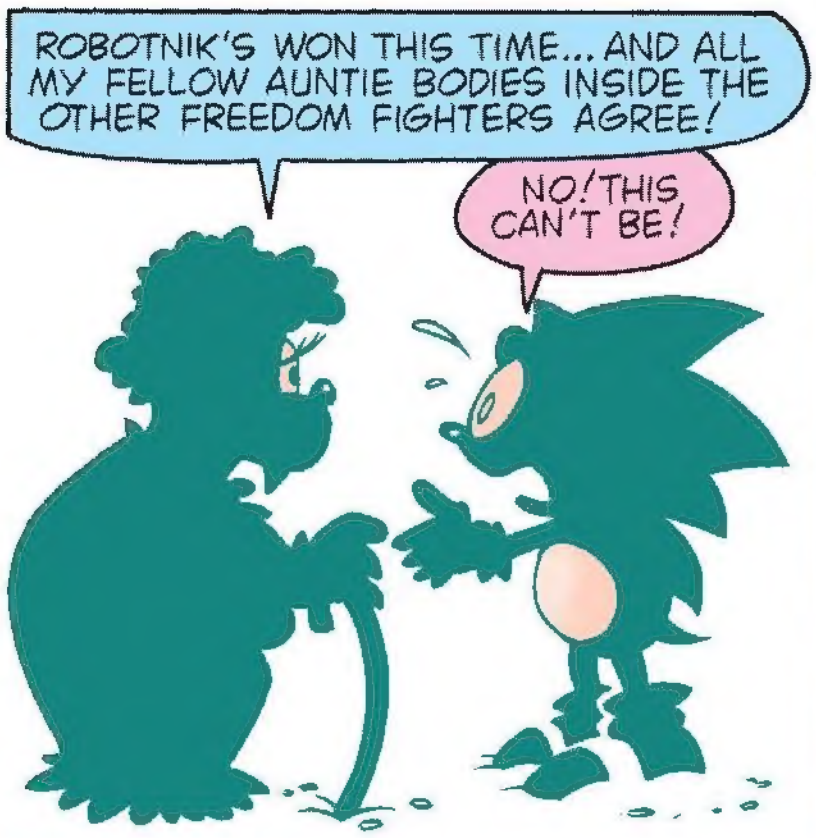
MUSCULAR
RESPIRATORY
ENDOCRINE
SKELETAL

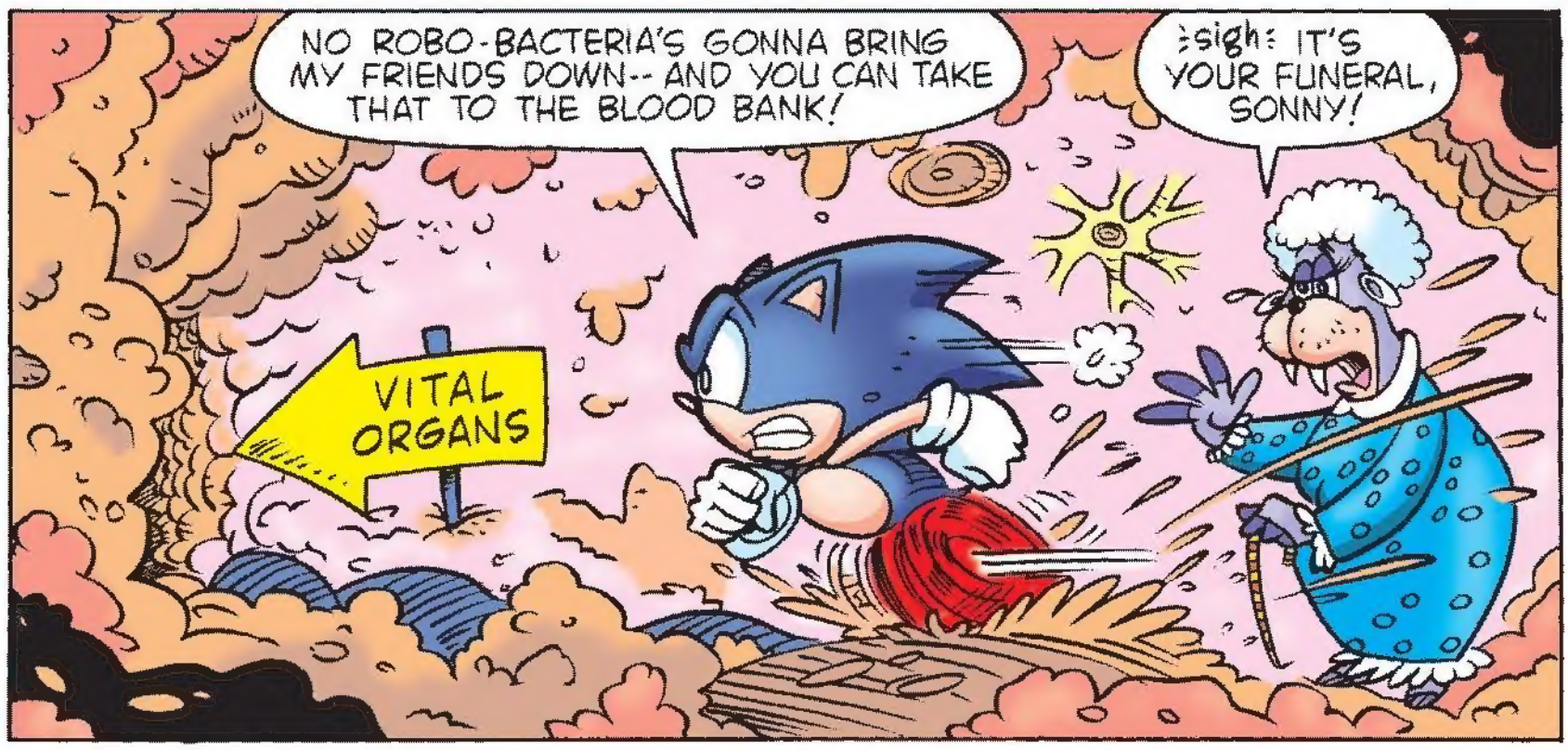

IT DOESN'T MATTER -- YOU CAN'T STOP IT...
OH YEAH? SAYS WHO-- HUH?
DIGESTIVE
CIRCULATORY
NERVOUS
MUSCULAR
whirl...

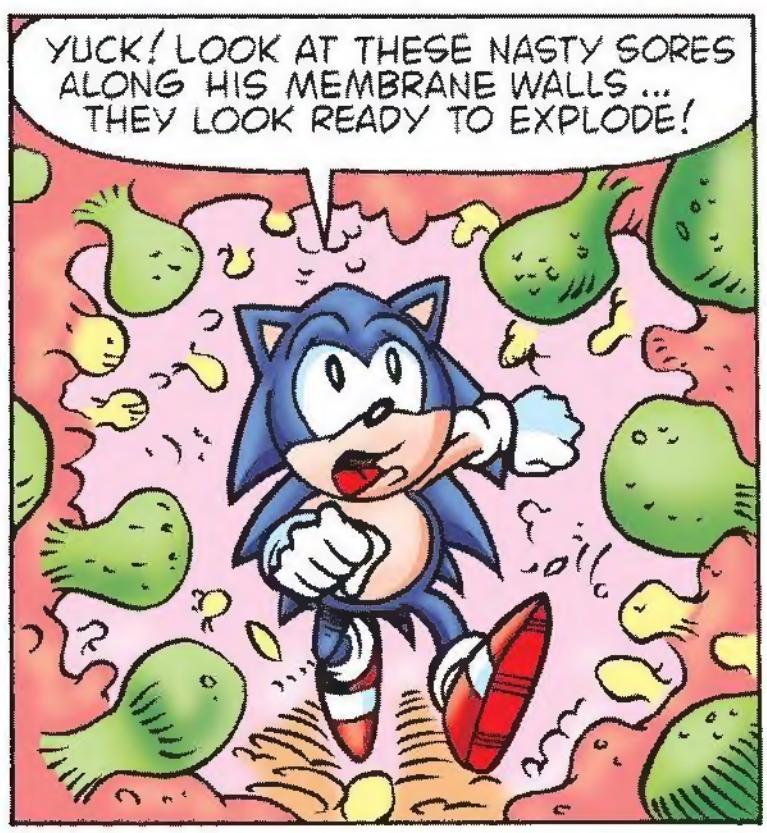
HAVE NO FEAR... I'M NOT HERE TO FIGHT! JUST TO TELL YOU TO GIVE UP! I'M ROTOR'S *AUNTIE BODIES!*
WHAT?!

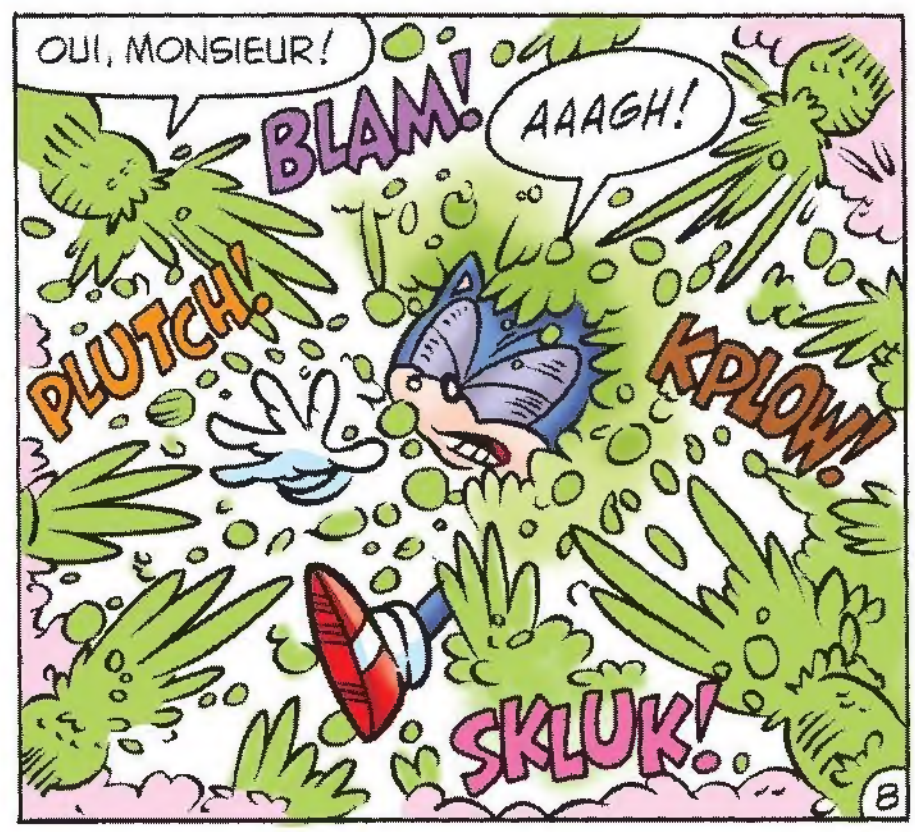

BUT YOU'RE THE BODY'S NATURAL *DEFENSE SYSTEM* AGAINST *DISEASE* AND *INFECTION!* YOU CAN'T GIVE IN TO THIS MECHA-MALADY!
SORRY, SONNY... THIS FRENCH FRIRUS IS TOO MUCH FOR ME!

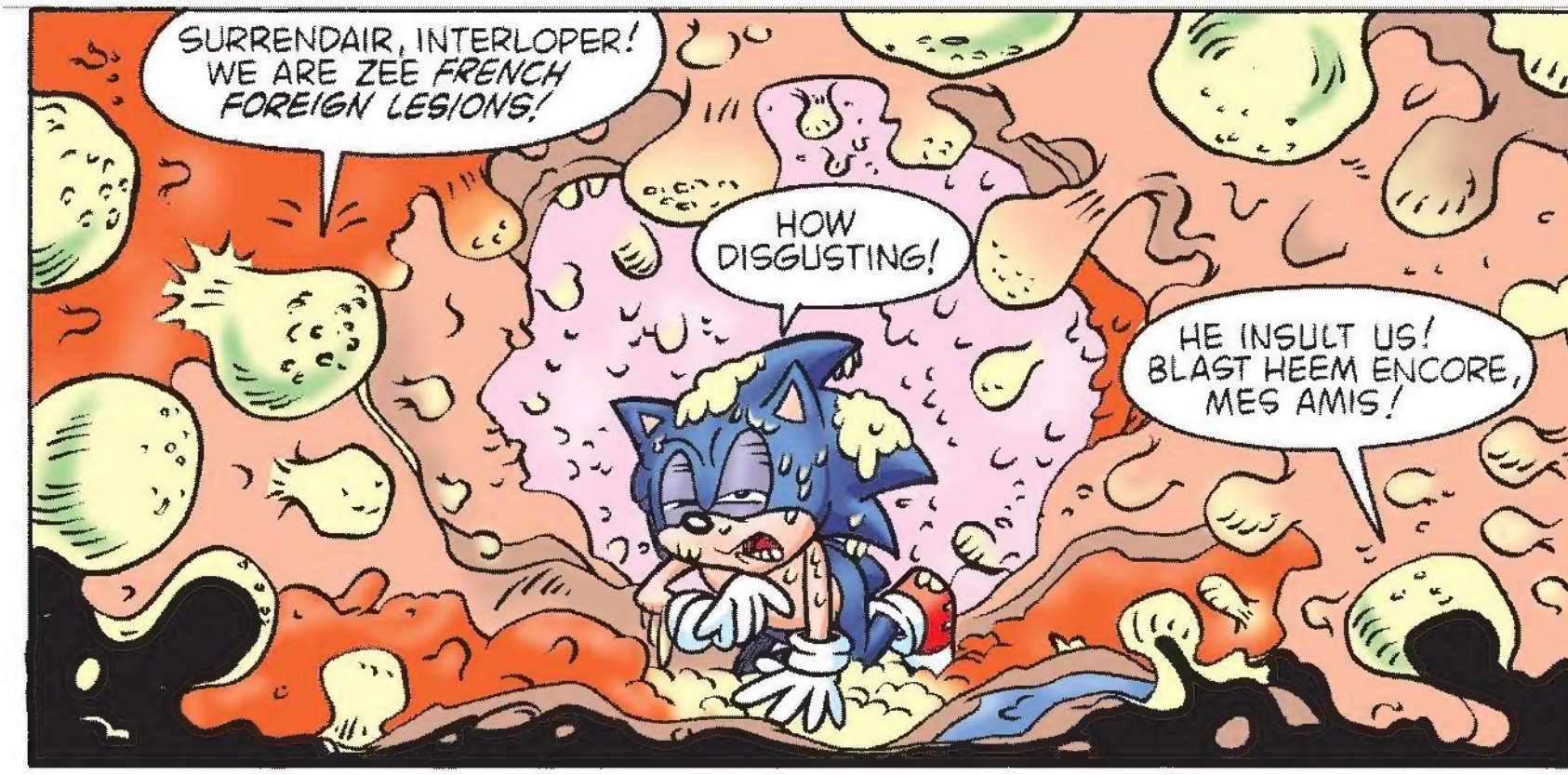

ROBOTNIK'S WON THIS TIME... AND ALL MY FELLOW AUNTIE BODIES INSIDE THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS AGREE!
NO! THIS CAN'T BE!

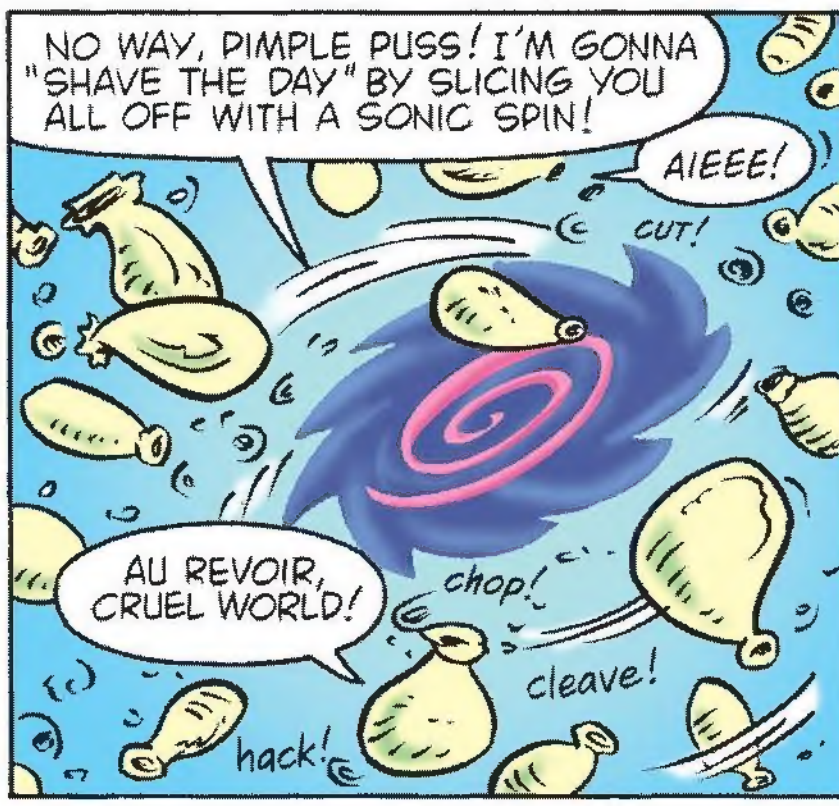
:sigh: IT'S TRUE! I'M TOO OLD... TOO TIRED...
WELL, I'M NOT!

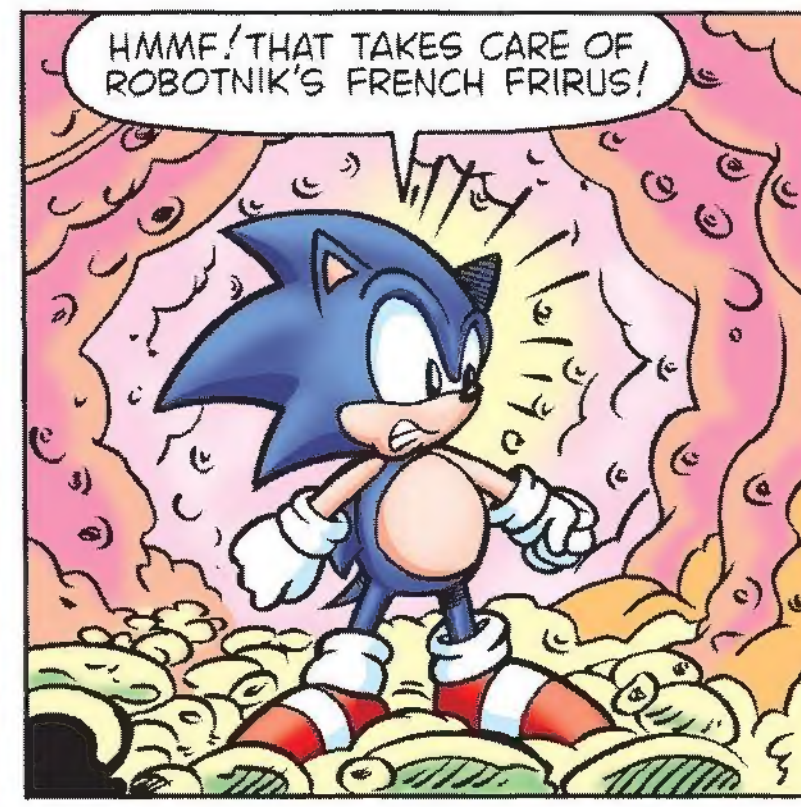

NO ROBO-BACTERIA'S GONNA BRING MY FRIENDS DOWN-- AND YOU CAN TAKE THAT TO THE BLOOD BANK!
:sigh: IT'S YOUR FUNERAL, SONNY!
VITAL ORGANS


YUCK! LOOK AT THESE NASTY SORES ALONG HIS MEMBRANE WALLS ... THEY LOOK READY TO EXPLODE!


OUI, MONSIEUR!
BLAM!
AAAGH!
PLUTCH!
KPLOW!
SKLUK!


SURRENDAIR, INTERLOPER! WE ARE ZEE *FRENCH FOREIGN LESIONS!*
HOW DISGUSTING!
HE INSULT US! BLAST HEEM ENCORE, MES AMIS!


NO WAY, PIMPLE PUSS! I'M GONNA "SHAVE THE DAY" BY SLICING YOU ALL OFF WITH A SONIC SPIN!
AIEEE!
CUT!
AU REVOIR, CRUEL WORLD!
chop!
cleave!
hack!


HMMF! THAT TAKES CARE OF ROBOTNIK'S FRENCH FRIRUS!

HO HO! YOU ARE ZEE BIGGAIR FOOL THAN JERRY LOOWIS! ZEE FOREIGN LESIONS WERE MERELY MY BODYGUARDS... NOW YOU FACE *ME*, INTRUDAIR!
KTANG!
WHOUF!
END of PART II

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PART III

ZEE 'EDGE 'OG! ZAT WAS YOUR FIRST LESSON! ZEE NEXT ONE WEEL BE FATAL! SO SAYS:

PARIS-SITE!

IT TAKES MORE THAN ONE CHEAP SHOT TO PUT ME DOWN, FROGGY BOY!

C'MON, YOU INVASIVE IMBECILE! PUT UP YOUR DUKES!

MAIS NON, PETIT BOY BLUE! I WEEL NOT SULLY MY 'ANDS WEETH YOU--

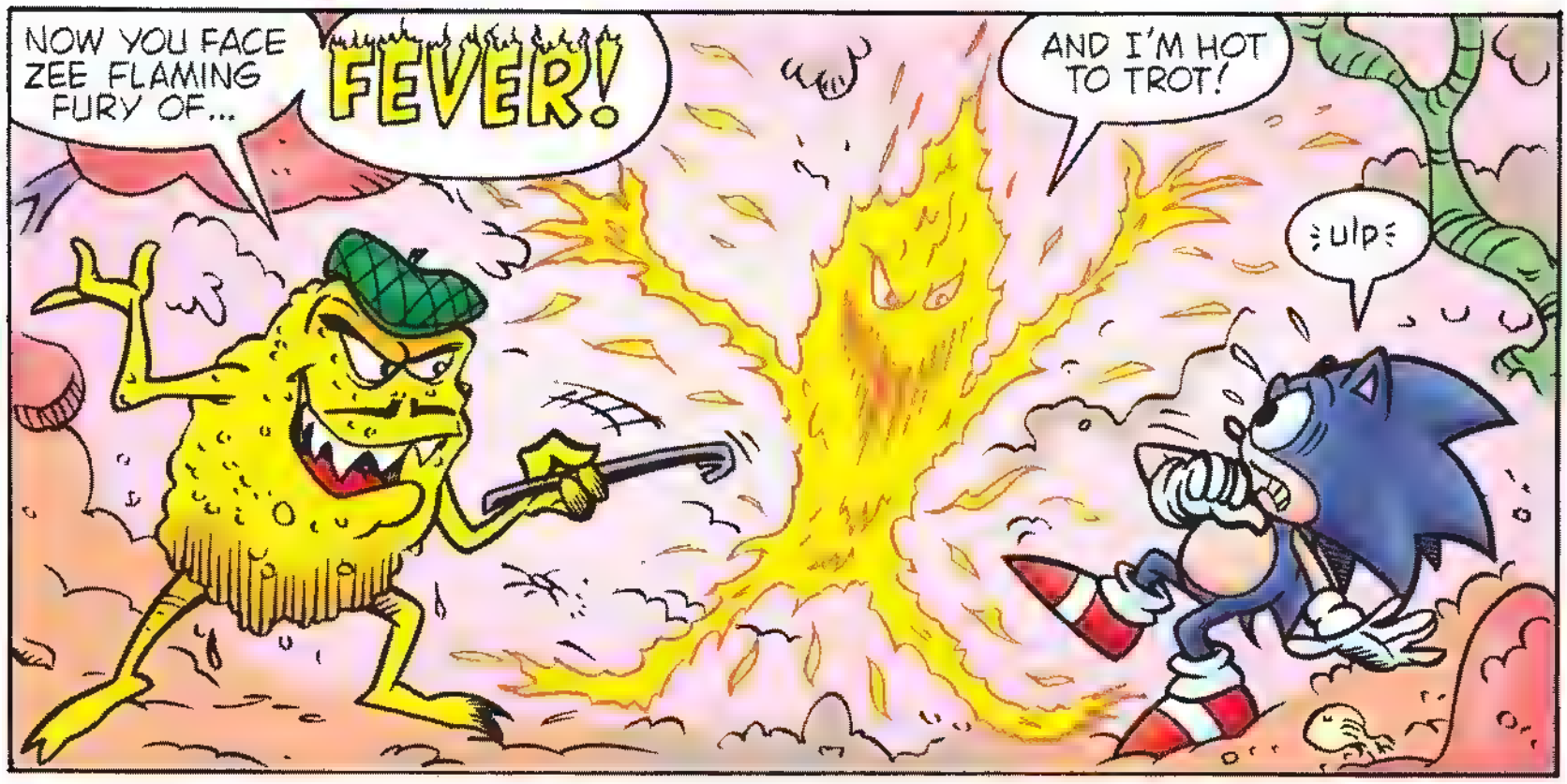
I WEEL LEAVE ZAT JOB TO MY 'ENCHMAN!

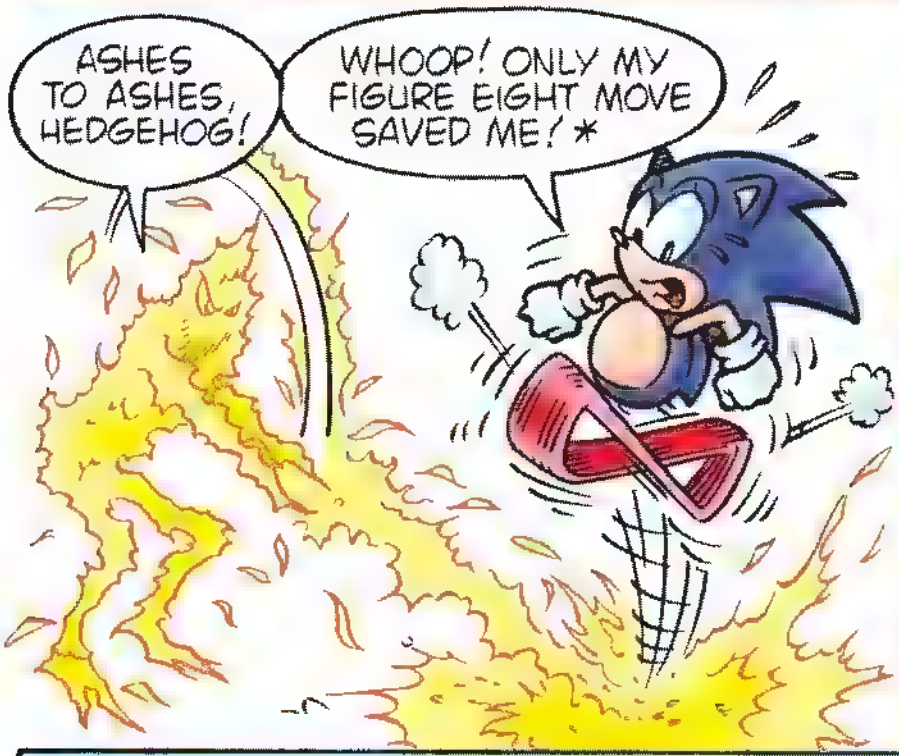
YOW! IF I WASN'T SO FAST, I WOULD HAVE BEEN *FRENCH TOAST!*

ZOO--

--OOM!

SZZRAKLE!





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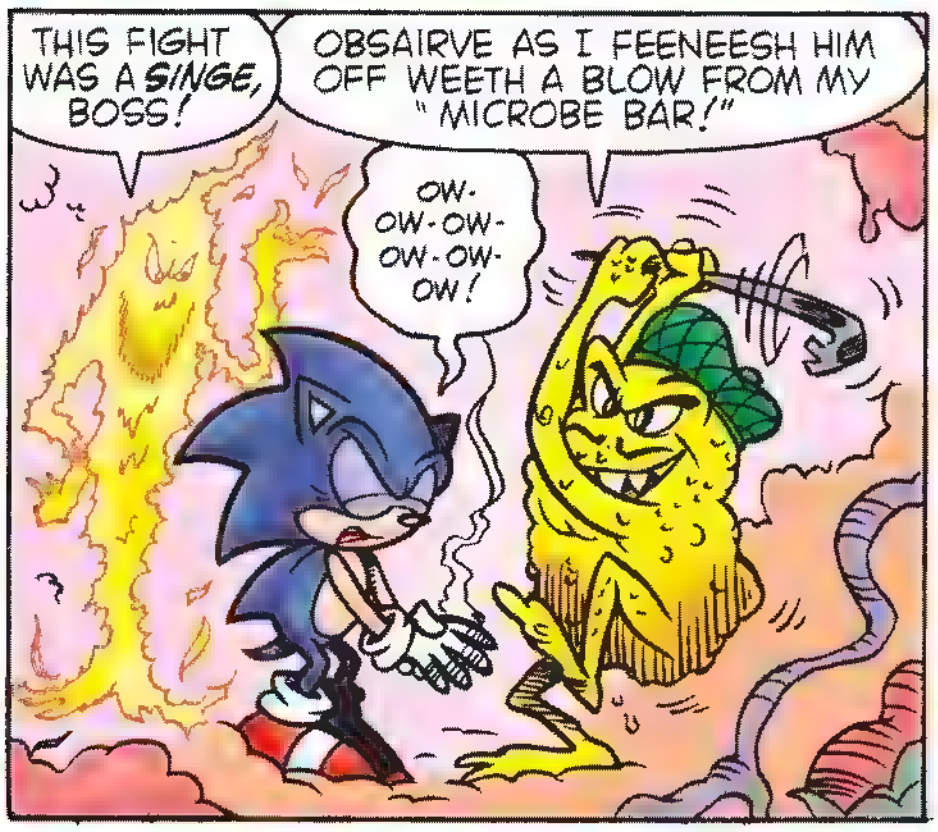
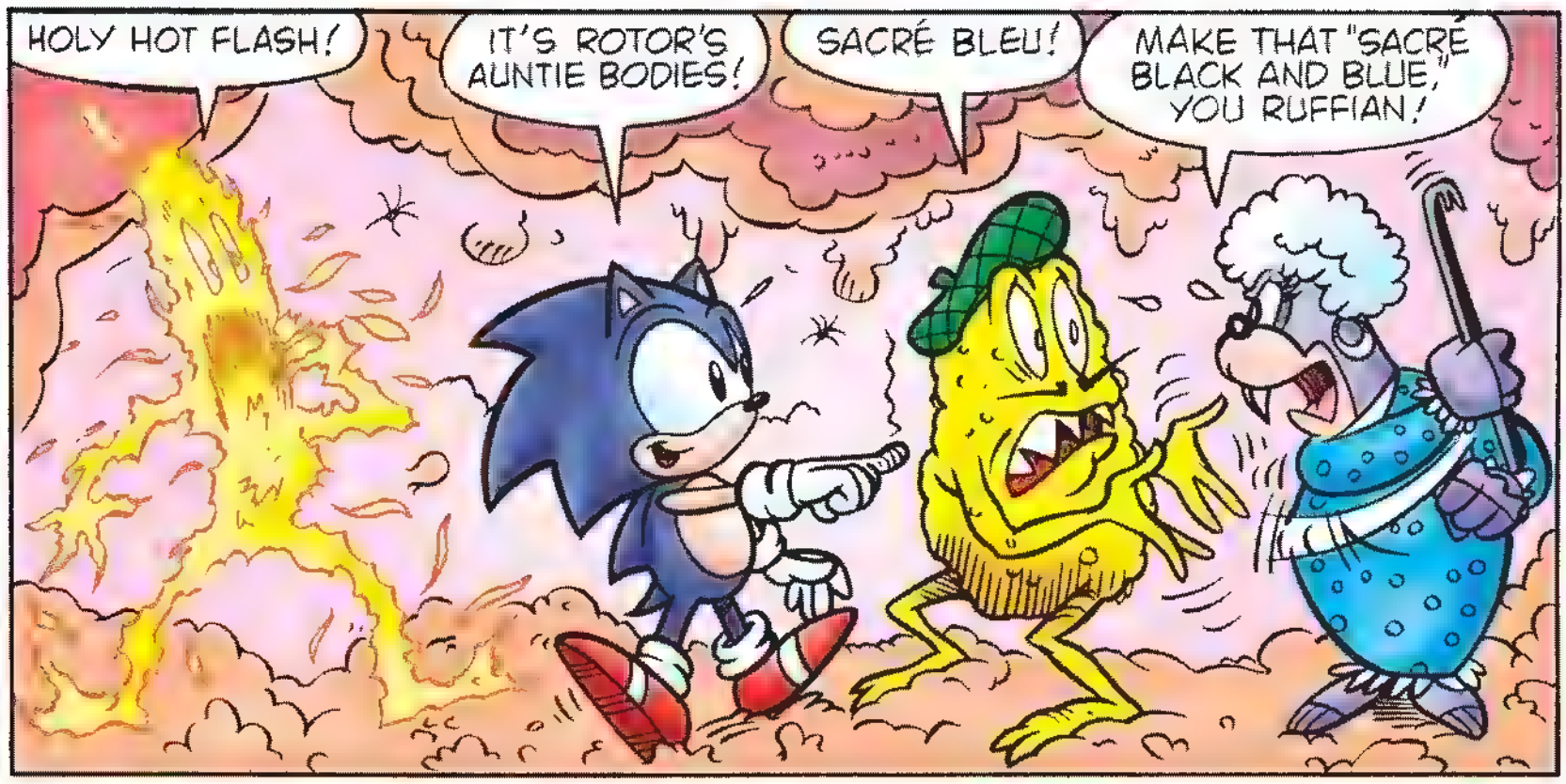
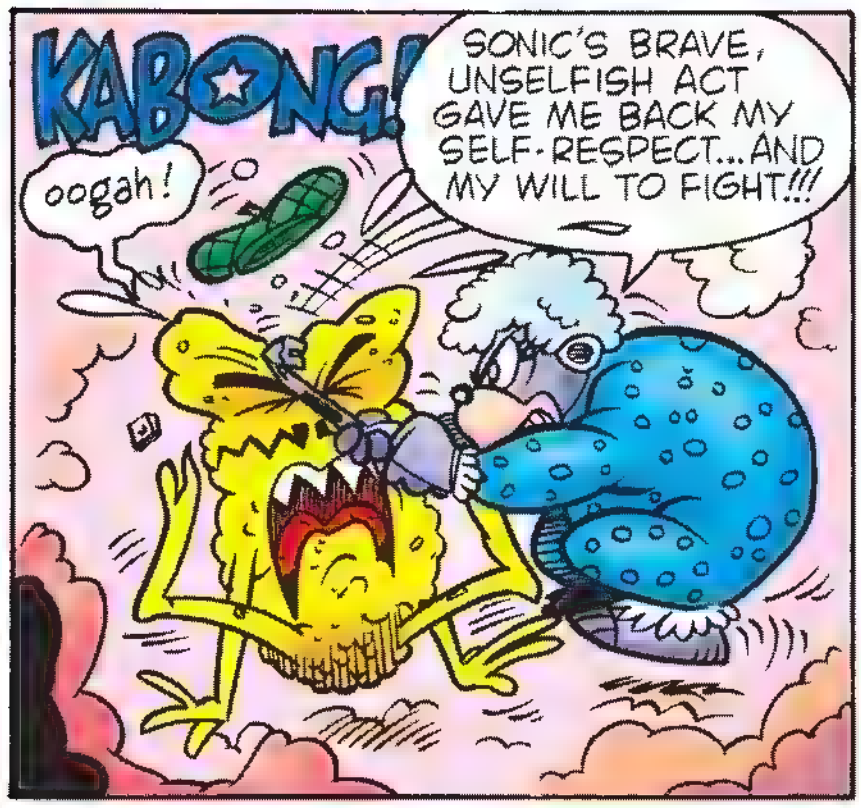



HOLY HOT FLASH!
IT'S ROTOR'S AUNTIE BODIES!
SACRÉ BLEU!
MAKE THAT "SACRÉ BLACK AND BLUE," YOU RUFFIAN!


KABONG!
oogah!
SONIC'S BRAVE, UNSELFISH ACT GAVE ME BACK MY SELF-RESPECT...AND MY WILL TO FIGHT!!!

WAY TO GO, AUNTIE! NOW IT'S TIME FOR ROUND TWO WITH SMOULDYLOCKS HERE!
NO! I'M HELPLESS WITHOUT PARIS-SITE! STAY BACK...

BY CREATING A VORTEX VACUUM, I'LL PULL THE OXYGEN OUT OF YOU, FEVER... YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE SNUFFED!
YAAAAAAAA
VWHOOOOSH!!

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S NO MORE FIRE!
NICE JOB, KIDDO! YOU "BROKE THE FEVER!"

THANKS FOR SHOWING UP, MA'AM! NOW, ABOUT THE OTHER INFECTED FREEDOM FIGHTERS...

DON'T WORRY, SONIC--I'M GOING TO CALL EACH ONE OF THEIR AUNTIE BODIES ON MY *ONE-CELLED CELLULAR* PHONE...

"... TAKE IT FROM ME... THOSE ROBO-GERMS' TERMS HAVE EXPIRED!"

I'M...

FEELING...

MUCH...

...BETTER!

X-RAY

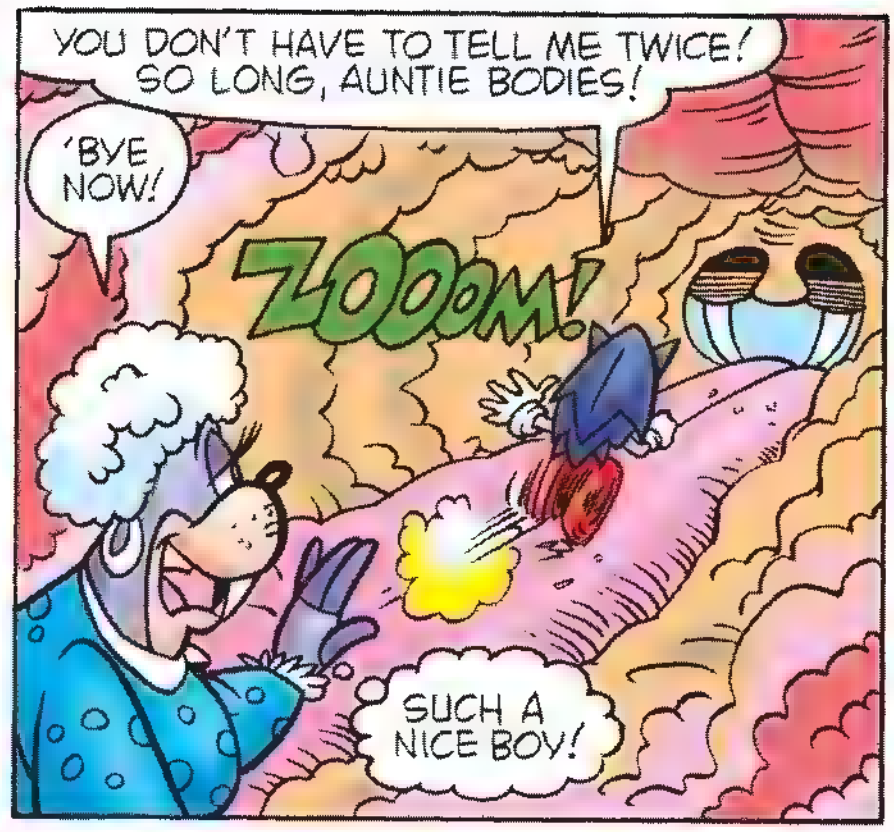
X-RAY

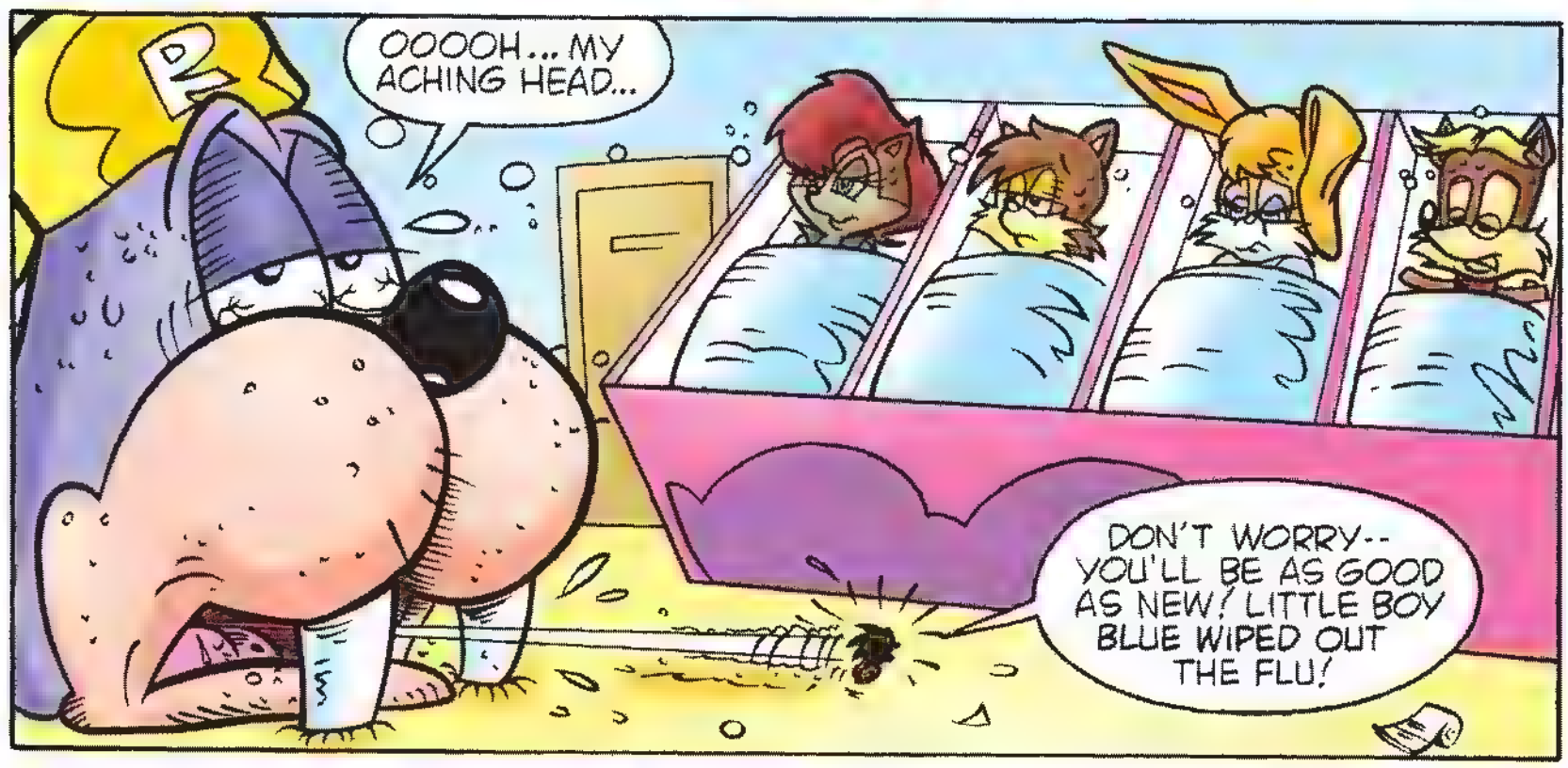
X-RAY

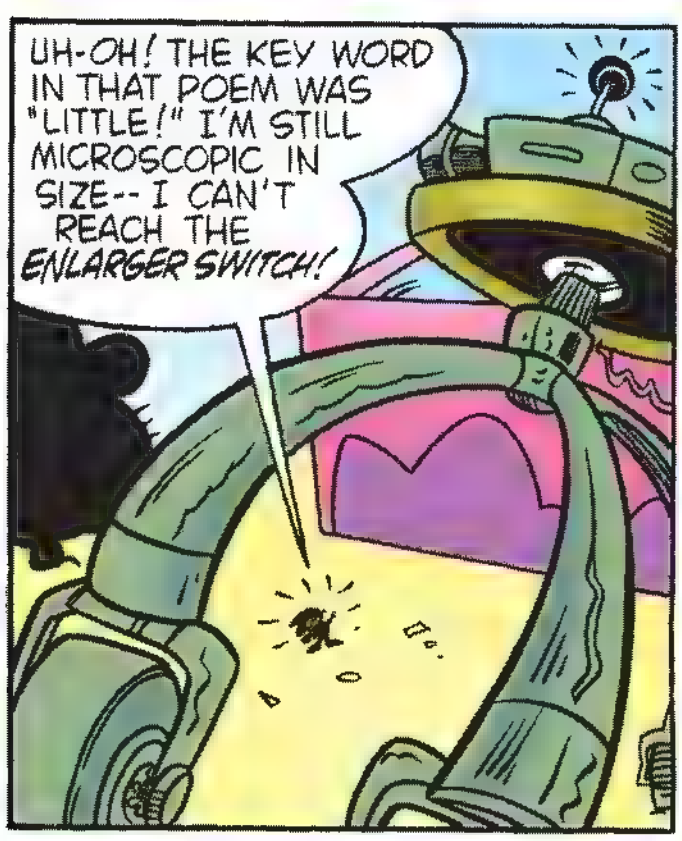
X-RAY

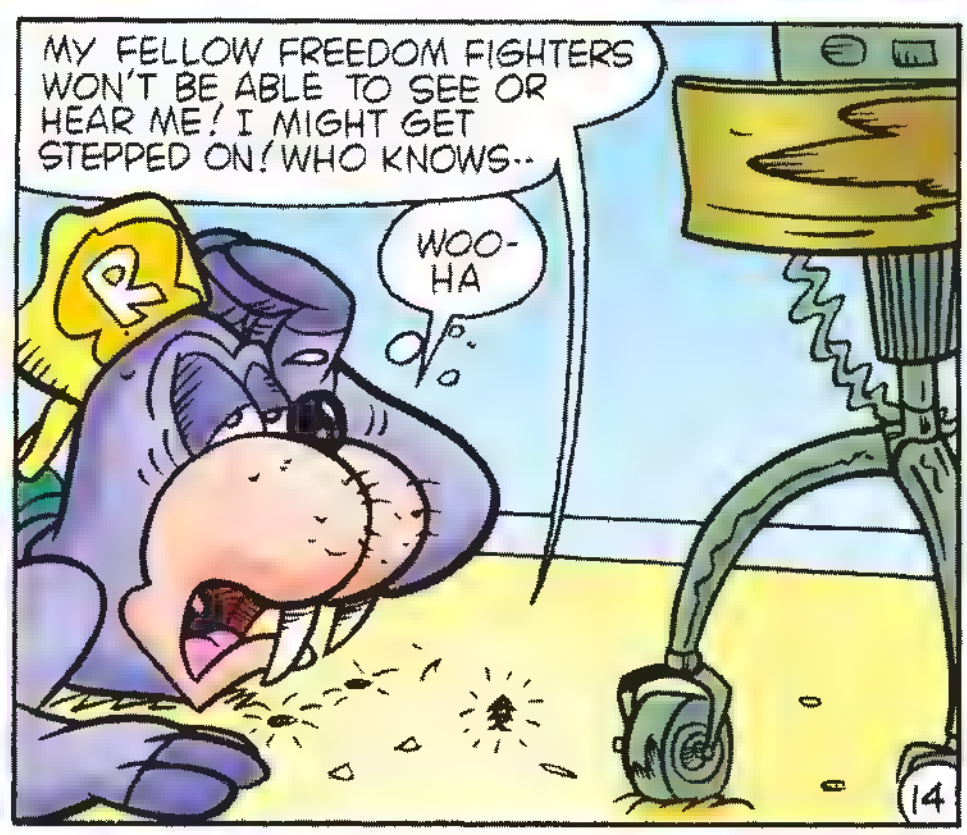
WHANG! BLANG! KTANG! SHWANG!

RUMBLE!...
ROTOR'S STARTING TO RECOVER... YOU'D BETTER BE GOING!
WHOA!


YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE! SO LONG, AUNTIE BODIES!
'BYE NOW!
ZOOOM!
SUCH A NICE BOY!

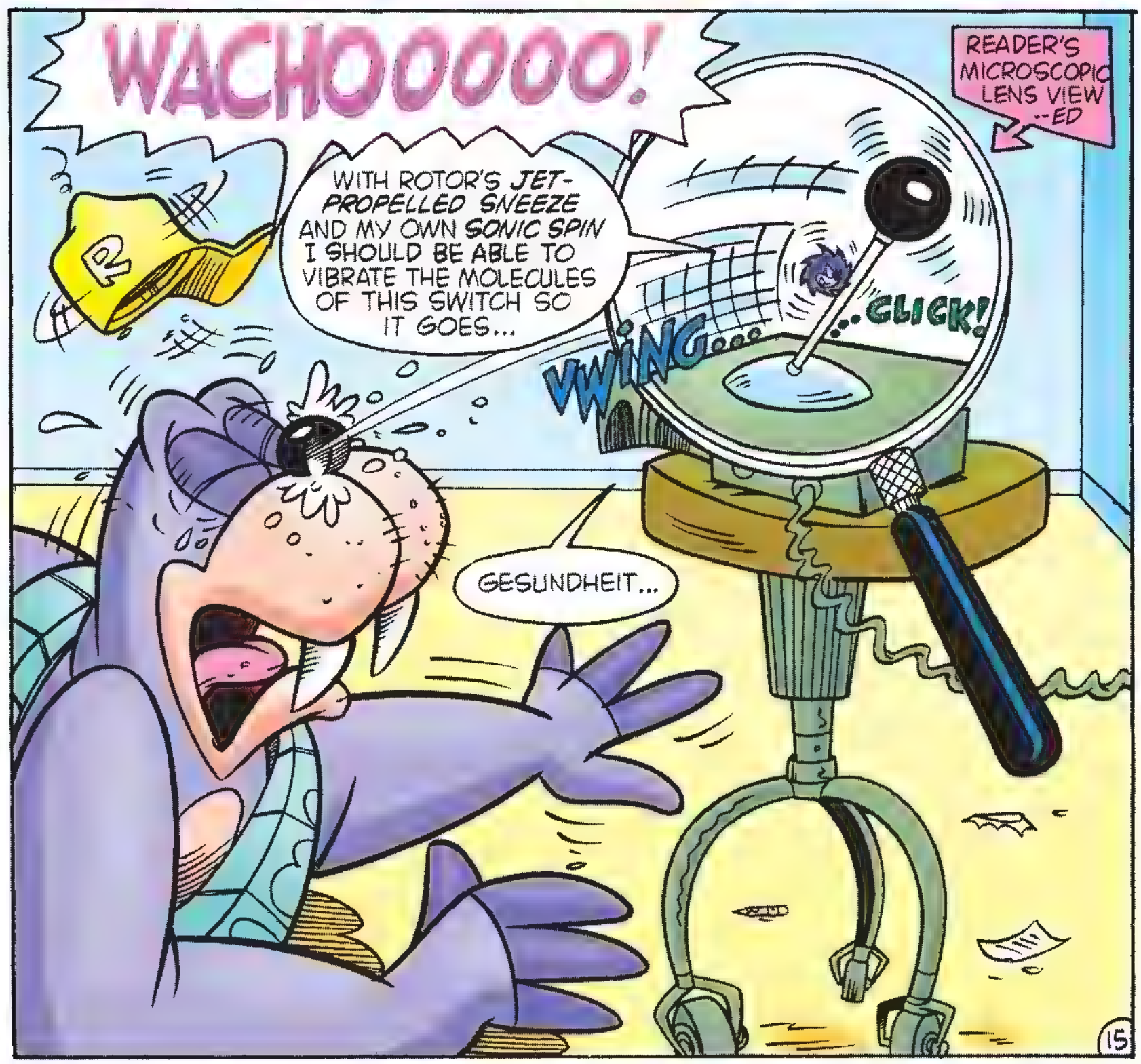

OOOOH... MY ACHING HEAD...
DON'T WORRY-- YOU'LL BE AS GOOD AS NEW! LITTLE BOY BLUE WIPED OUT THE FLU!

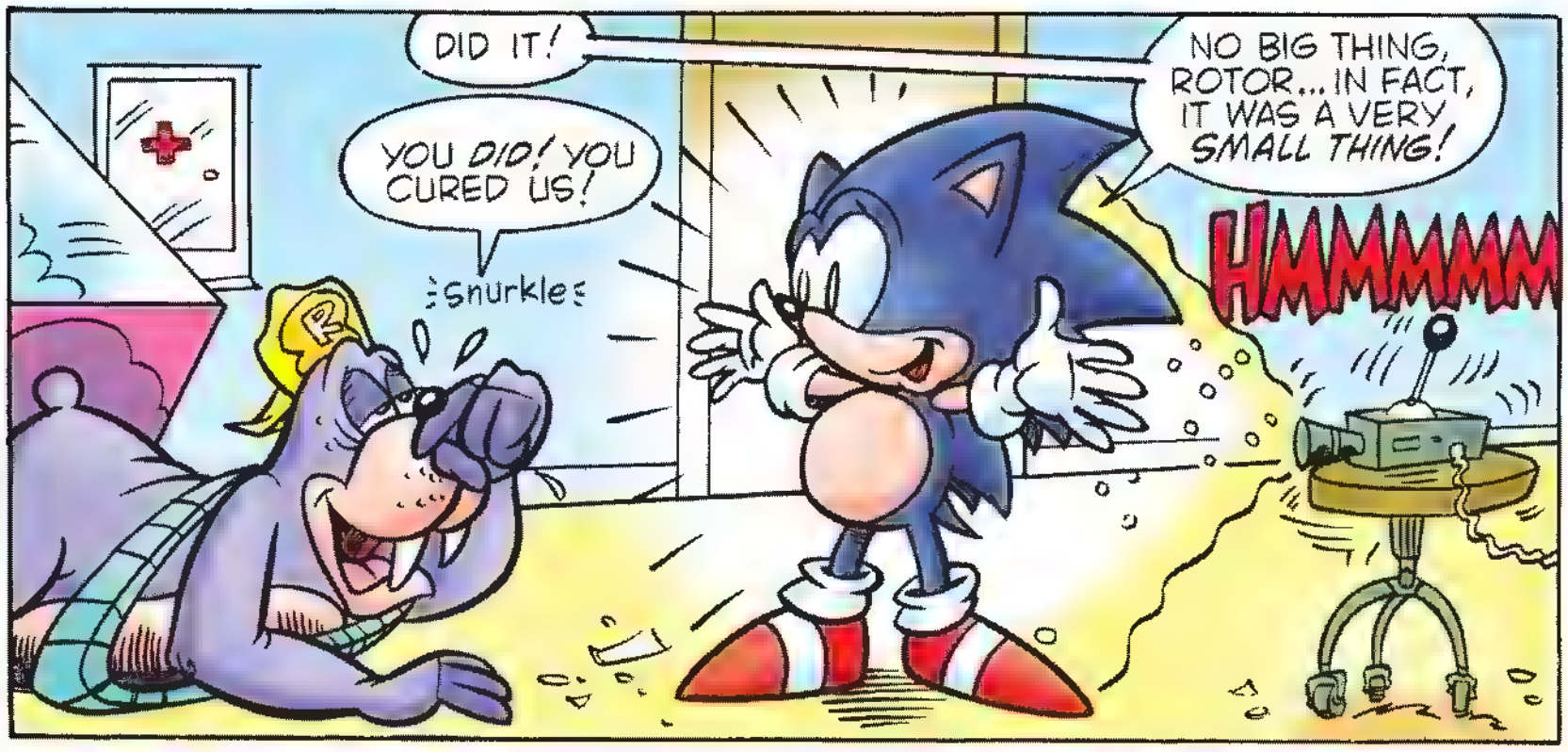

UH-OH! THE KEY WORD IN THAT POEM WAS "LITTLE!" I'M STILL MICROSCOPIC IN SIZE-- I CAN'T REACH THE ENLARGER SWITCH!


MY FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTERS WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE OR HEAR ME! I MIGHT GET STEPPED ON! WHO KNOWS--
WOO-HA

WAIT -- THAT'S IT! "KNOWS"... OR RATHER, "NOSE!" ONE LAST QUICK TRIP INTO ROTOR'S NOSTRIL--
TWANG
BWANG!

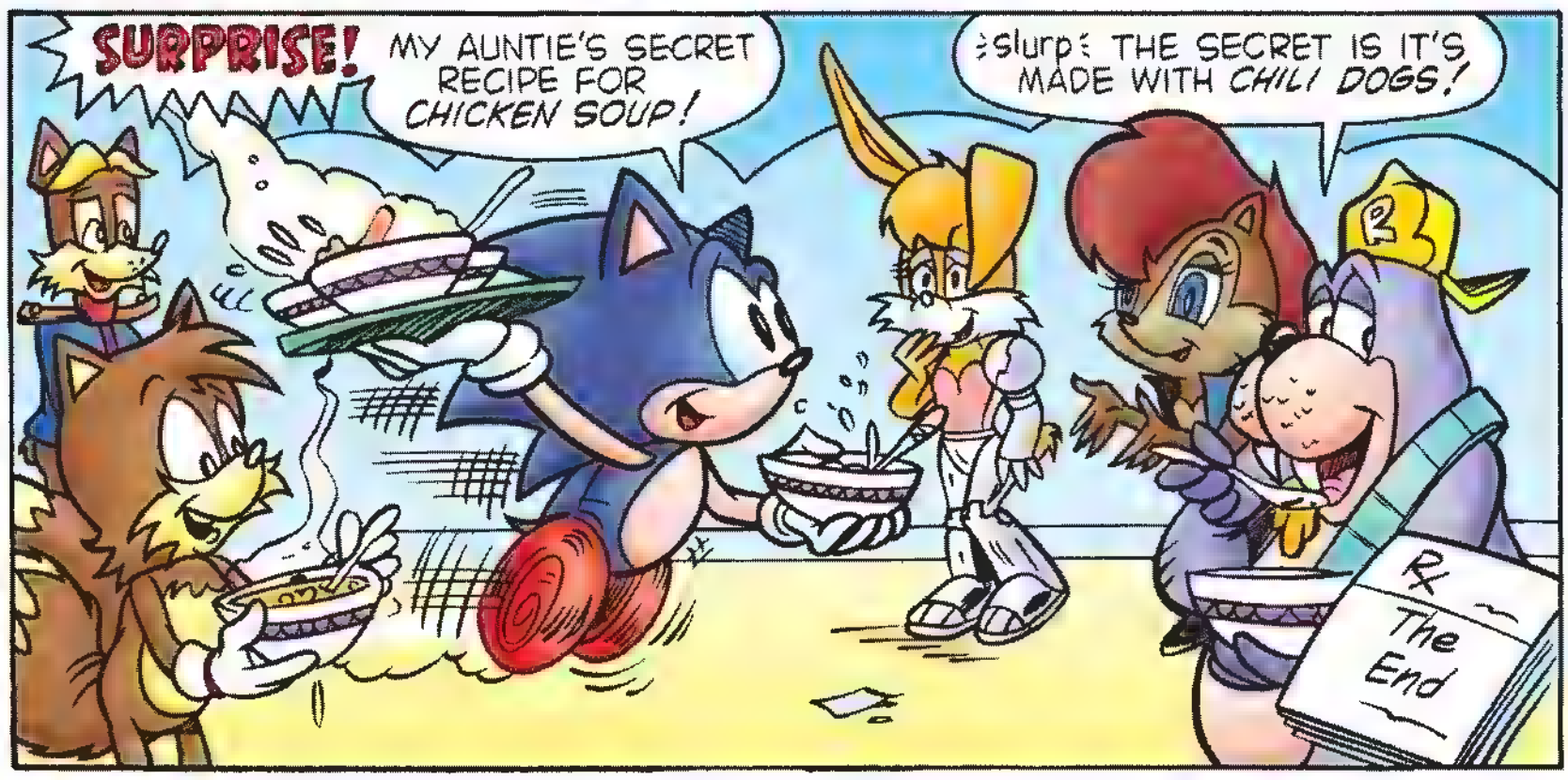
HMM...
HAAA...
HOOOO...
HEEEG...
TICKLE, TICKLE, BIG GUY!


WACHOOOOO!
WITH ROTOR'S JET-PROPELLED SNEEZE AND MY OWN SONIC SPIN I SHOULD BE ABLE TO VIBRATE THE MOLECULES OF THIS SWITCH SO IT GOES...
READER'S MICROSCOPIC LENS VIEW --ED
VWING...
...CLICK!
GESUNDHEIT...


DID IT!
YOU DID! YOU CURED US!
:snurkle:
NO BIG THING, ROTOR... IN FACT, IT WAS A VERY SMALL THING!
HMMMMMM

OHHH...
:cough: :cough: SONIC!
RELAX, EVERYONE! LET ME GET YOU ALL SOMETHING TO EAT!

NO, NO...
THAT'S OKAY--
WE REALLY--
DON'T WANT--
CHILI DOGS...
VA-VA-VOOM!


SURPRISE!
MY AUNTIE'S SECRET RECIPE FOR CHICKEN SOUP!
:slurp: THE SECRET IS IT'S MADE WITH CHILI DOGS!
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The End

SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS

KNUCKLES™

INTRIGUING.

ARCHIMEDES HAS *CAPTURED* KNUCKLES' *ALLIES*, THE *CHAOTIX*...

...AND SENT THE *GUARDIAN* OF THE *FLOATING ISLAND* ON A *WILD GOOSE CHASE!*

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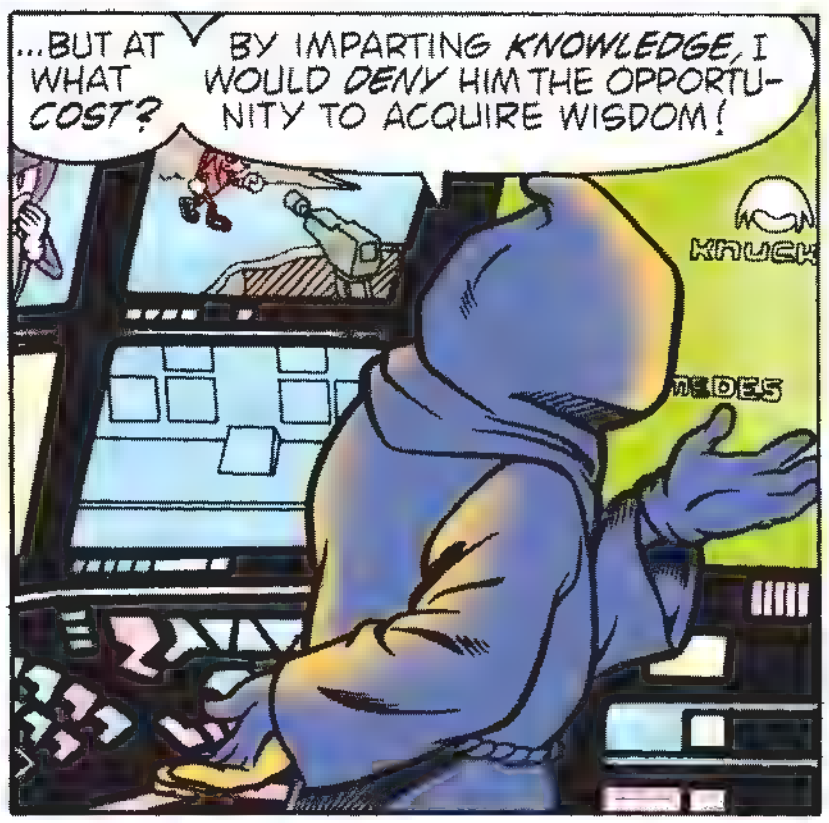
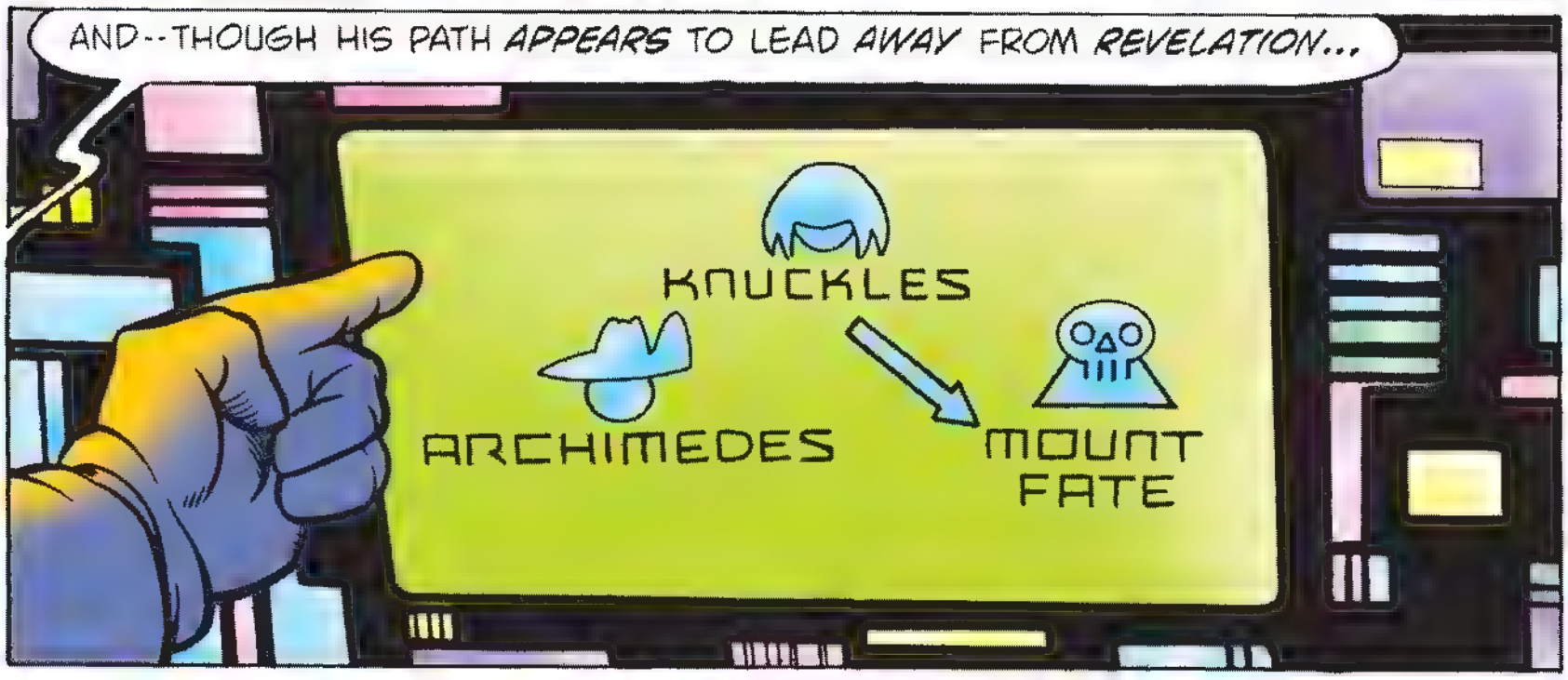
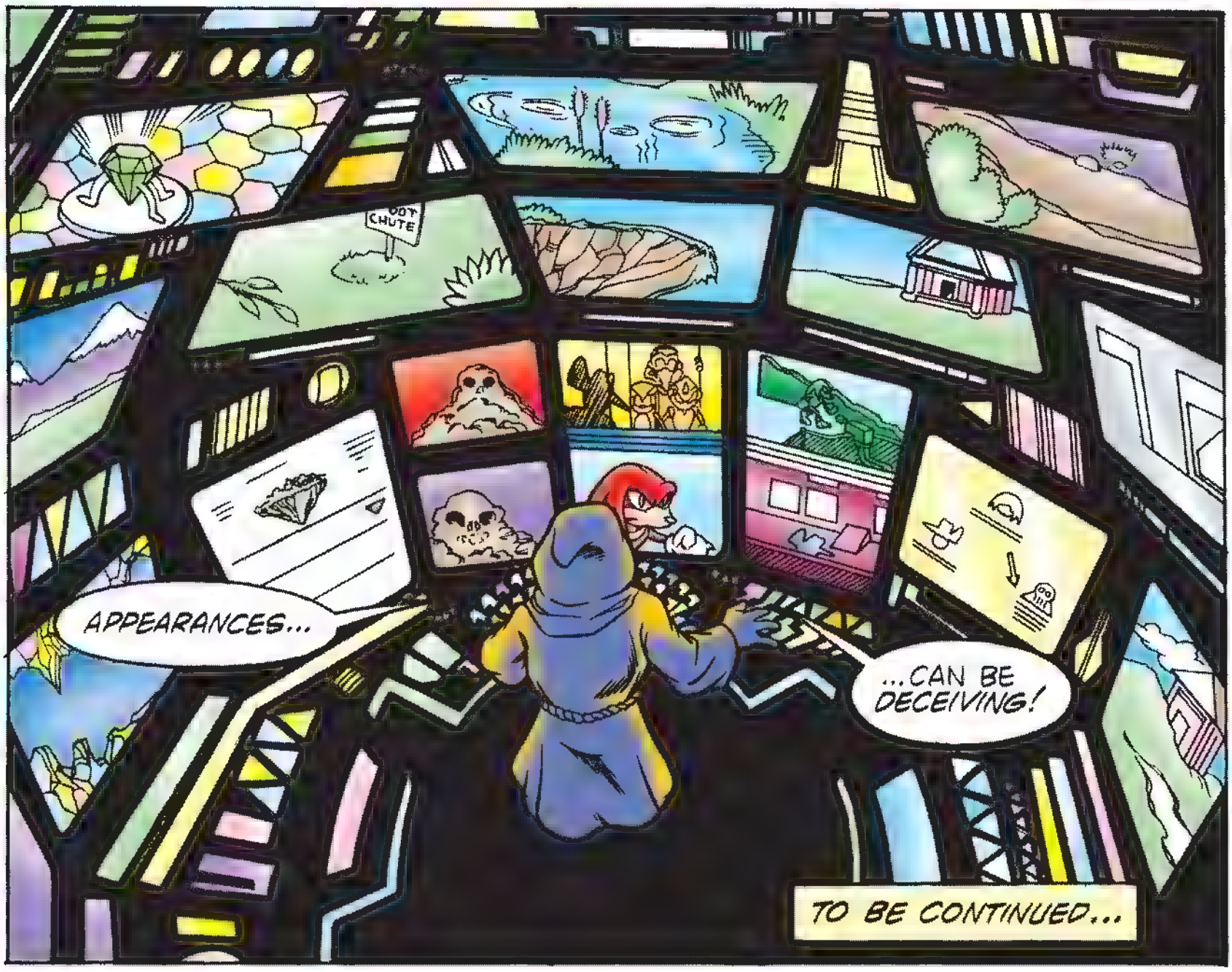
ALL OF THEM BLISSFULLY *IGNORANT* OF...

"THE BIG PICTURE!"



NO.
WHATEVER ANSWERS HE SEEKS...
...HE MUST FIND FROM WITHIN!


AND--THOUGH HIS PATH APPEARS TO LEAD AWAY FROM REVELATION...
KNUCKLES
ARCHIMEDES
MOUNT FATE


OOT CHUTE
APPEARANCES...
...CAN BE DECEIVING!
TO BE CONTINUED...

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ IN SONIC SHOT

DON'T BE SUCH ZE PUCK HOG!

CHILL OUT, 'TWAN!

SWISH

AFTER ALL, IT'S *JUST* FUN AND GAMES--

-- A CHANCE TO *UNWIND* FROM THE DAILY GRIND OF *BEATING* THE STUFFING OUT OF *OL' IVO!*

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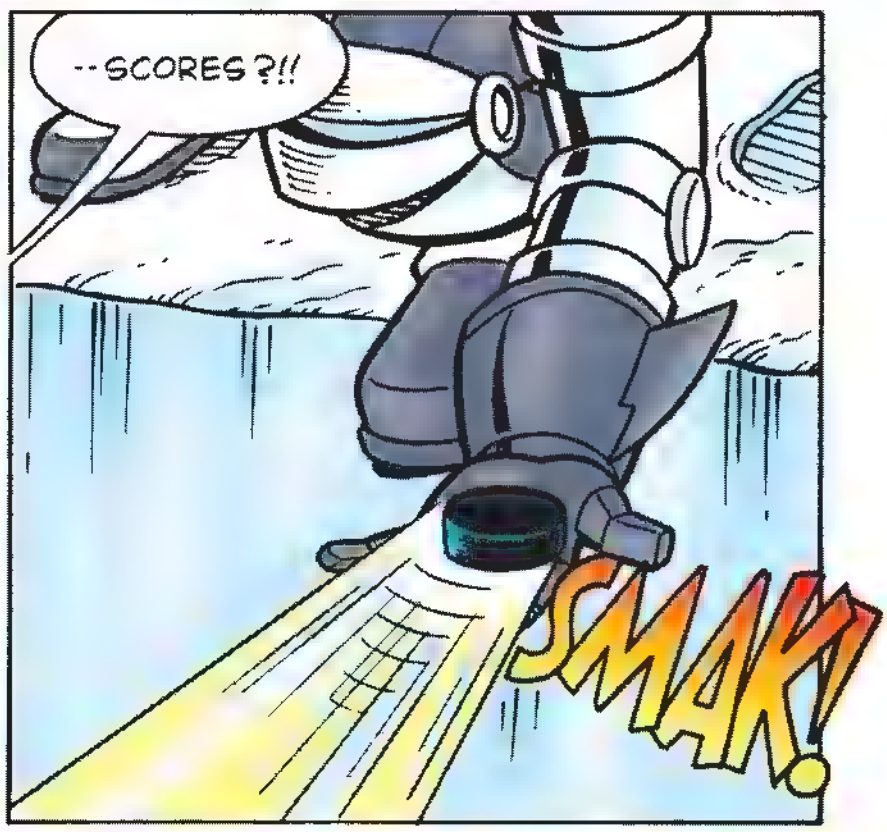
SPECIAL THANKS TO THOMAS PENDERS

ZE GAME?
ZE GAME?!!
MY FELLOW COUNTRYMEN WOULD NEVAIR STAND FOR SUCH INSULTS!
OH YEAH?

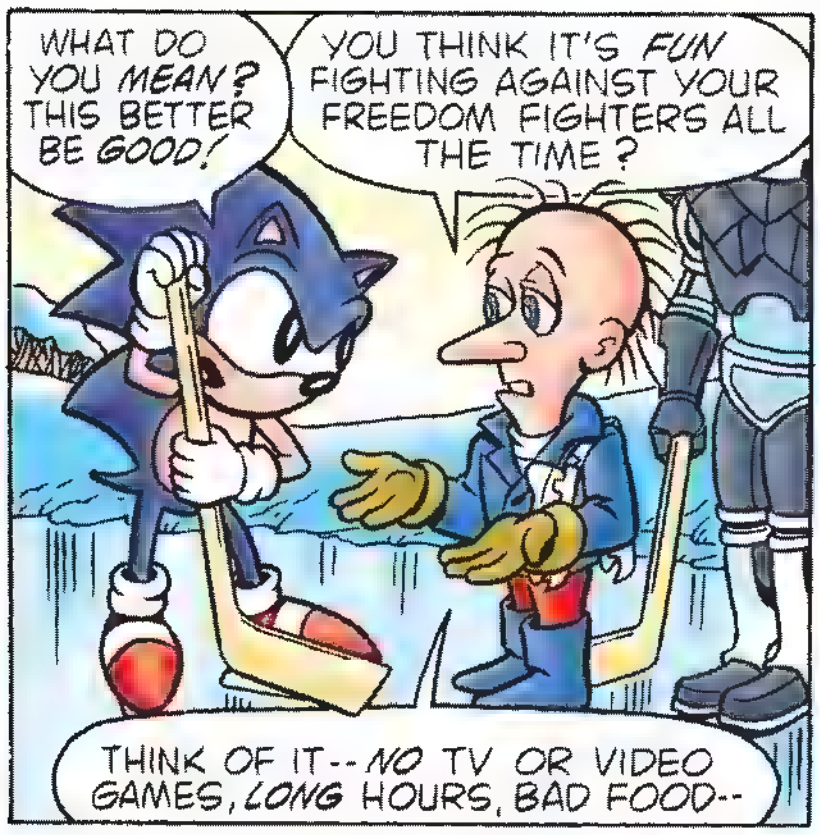
WELL, THEY'RE NOT PLAYING YOURS TRULY!
HE SHOOTS!
SLAK!

HE--
LK-KRAK!

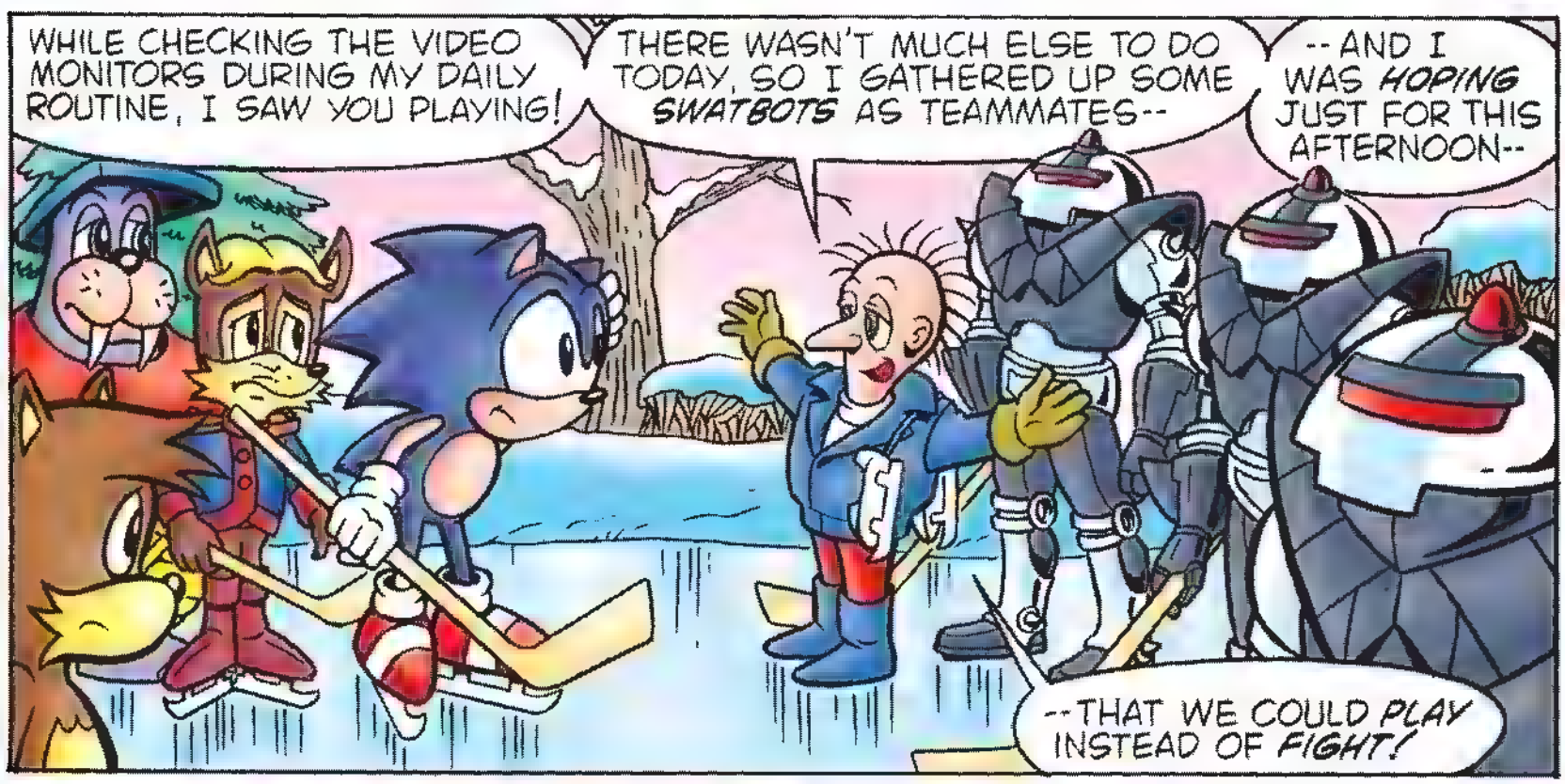

--SCORES?!!
SMAK!

NOT QUITE, SONIC!
ALTHOUGH I ADMIT THAT WAS A NICE SAVE ON ROTOR'S PART!
HUH? WHO?

SNIVELY!
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK, HEDGEHOG!
EVEN ASSISTANTS TO THE GREAT AND POWERFUL ROBOTNIK NEED A BREAK NOW AND THEN!


WHAT DO YOU MEAN? THIS BETTER BE GOOD!
YOU THINK IT'S FUN FIGHTING AGAINST YOUR FREEDOM FIGHTERS ALL THE TIME?
THINK OF IT--NO TV OR VIDEO GAMES, LONG HOURS, BAD FOOD--

--AND WORST OF ALL, NO FOOTBALL OR HOCKEY!
I REALLY LOVE HOCKEY! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW LONG IT'S BEEN SINCE I'VE ENJOYED A GAME?


WHILE CHECKING THE VIDEO MONITORS DURING MY DAILY ROUTINE, I SAW YOU PLAYING!
THERE WASN'T MUCH ELSE TO DO TODAY, SO I GATHERED UP SOME SWATBOTS AS TEAMMATES--
--AND I WAS HOPING JUST FOR THIS AFTERNOON--
--THAT WE COULD PLAY INSTEAD OF FIGHT!

THIS ON THE LEVEL?
NO TRICKS?
WELLLLLLLLLL--
STRICTLY ON THE UP-AND-UP!
NO TRICKS!
--I GUESS...
GAME'S ON!

READY FOR THE FACE-OFF, BOYS?

"GO FOR IT!"
BAH! ALL MY EFFORTS AND STILL NO MISBEGOTTEN HEDGEHOG!
THIS CALLS FOR A NEW APPROACH! SOMETHING HE WOULDN'T SUSPECT!

WHAT'S THIS? SNIVELY AND SEVERAL SWATBOTS-- PLAYING A GAME WITH THOSE WRETCHED CREATURES!!
HAS HE GONE MAD?!!!

UPON FURTHER REVIEW--
HOW UTTERLY BRILLIANT!
HE'S LULLING THEM INTO A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY-- WAITING FOR THE MOMENT TO STRIKE!

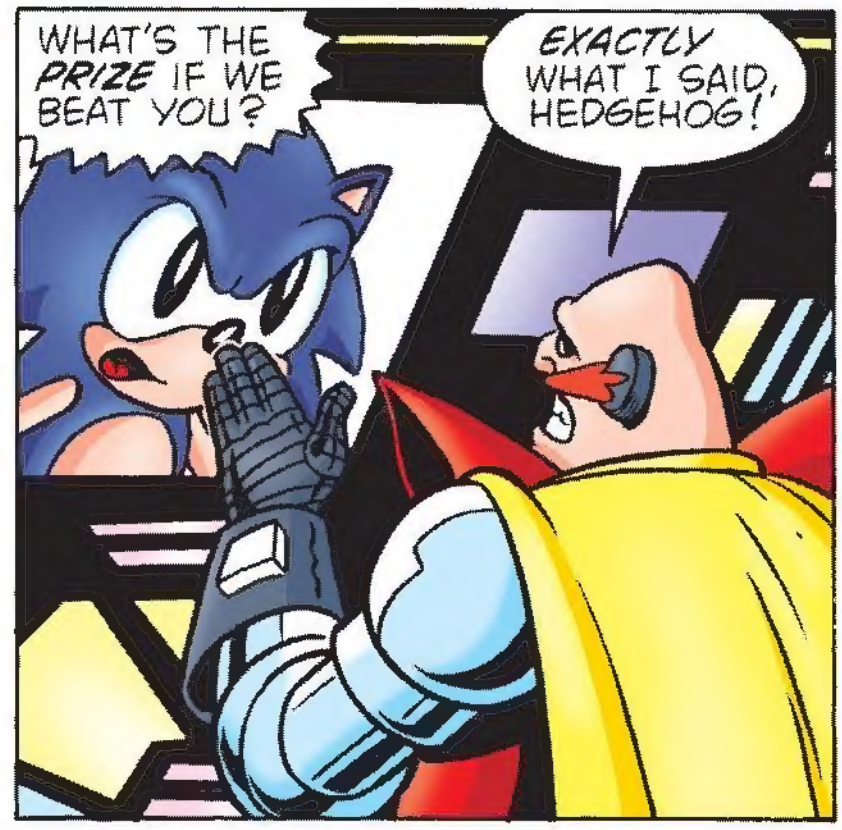
HOWEVER--
THOUGH THE PLAN HAS MERIT, THE EXECUTION LEAVES SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED!
I THINK IT'S TIME A SEASONED VETERAN STEPPED IN TO HANDLE THE POWER PLAY!

ATTENTION, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
WHAT?! ROBOTNIK!
NOOOO! IT CAN'T BE HIM! THIS WASN'T IN THE GAME PLAN!

WHO ELSE COULD IT BE, YOU INSIPID IDIOT?
SOMEONE FRIENDLIER AND BETTER-LOOKING, MAYBE?
DOESN'T HE EVER GIVE IT A BREAK?

HARDLY, HEDGEHOG! MAYBE IN THE NEXT LIFE!
WHICH MAY NOT BE TOO FAR OFF--
--ESPECIALLY SHOULD YOU LOSE THE PROPOSITION I'M ABOUT TO OFFER!

I'M ALL EARS, BIG MOUTH!
MY TEAM AGAINST YOUR TEAM--WINNER TAKE ALL!
WINNER TAKE ALL--WHAT?!!


WHAT'S THE PRIZE IF WE BEAT YOU?
EXACTLY WHAT I SAID, HEDGEHOG!

IF YOU WIN, YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS WIN YOUR FREEDOM AND ETERNAL PEACE, LOVE AND TRANQUILITY!
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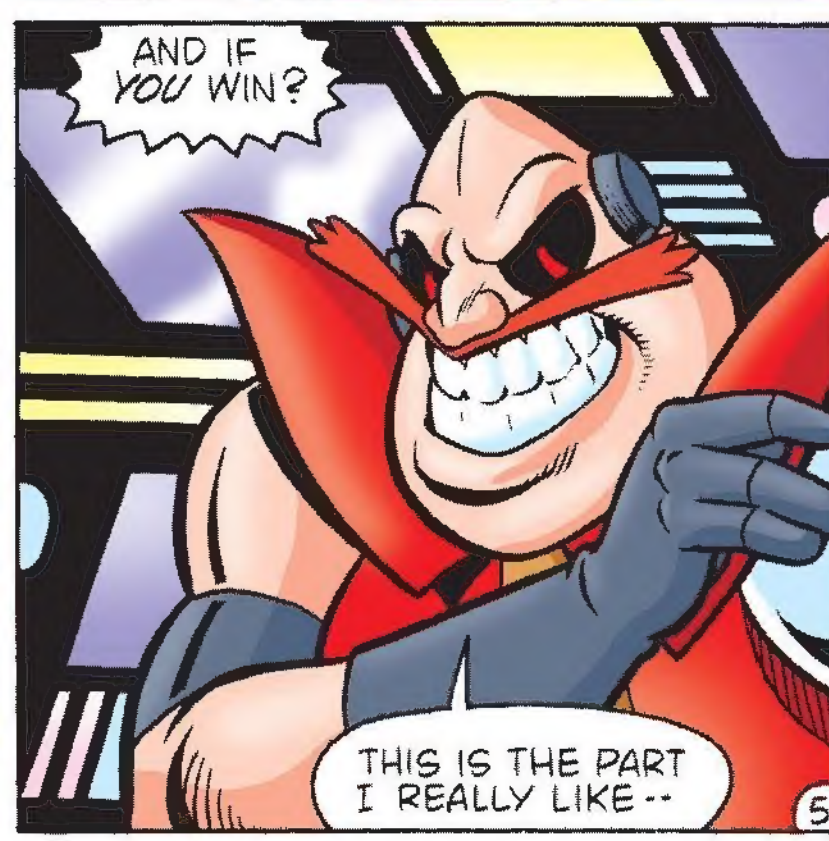
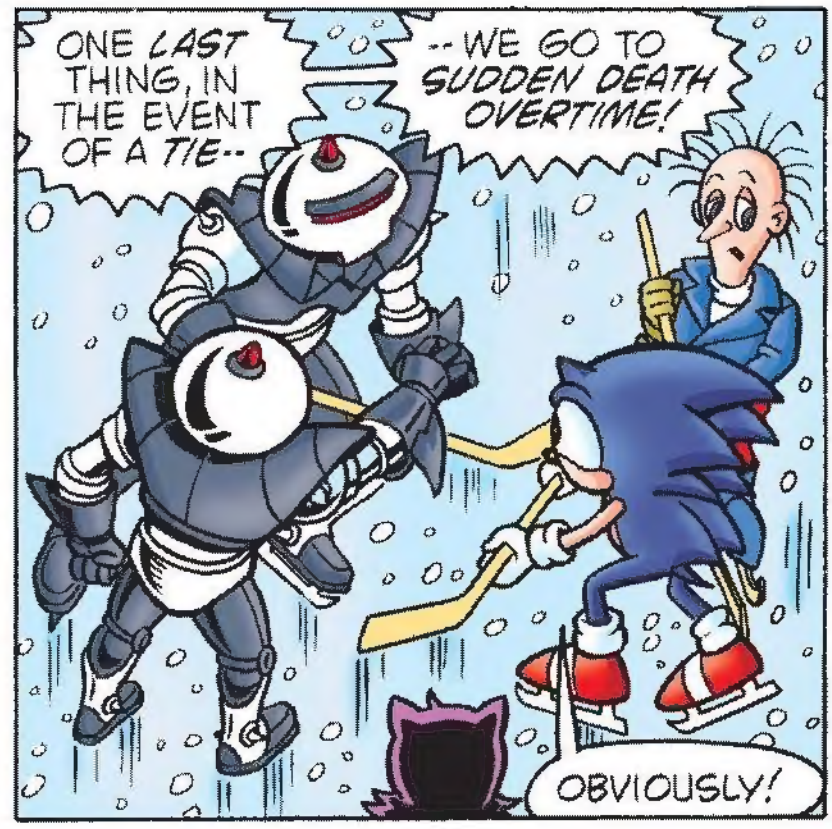
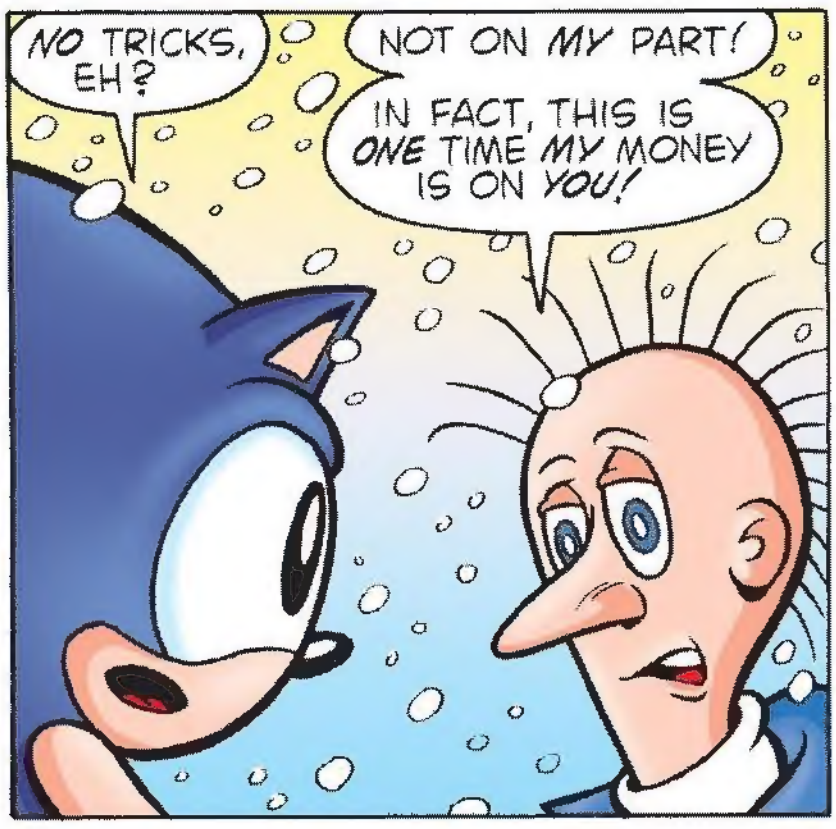
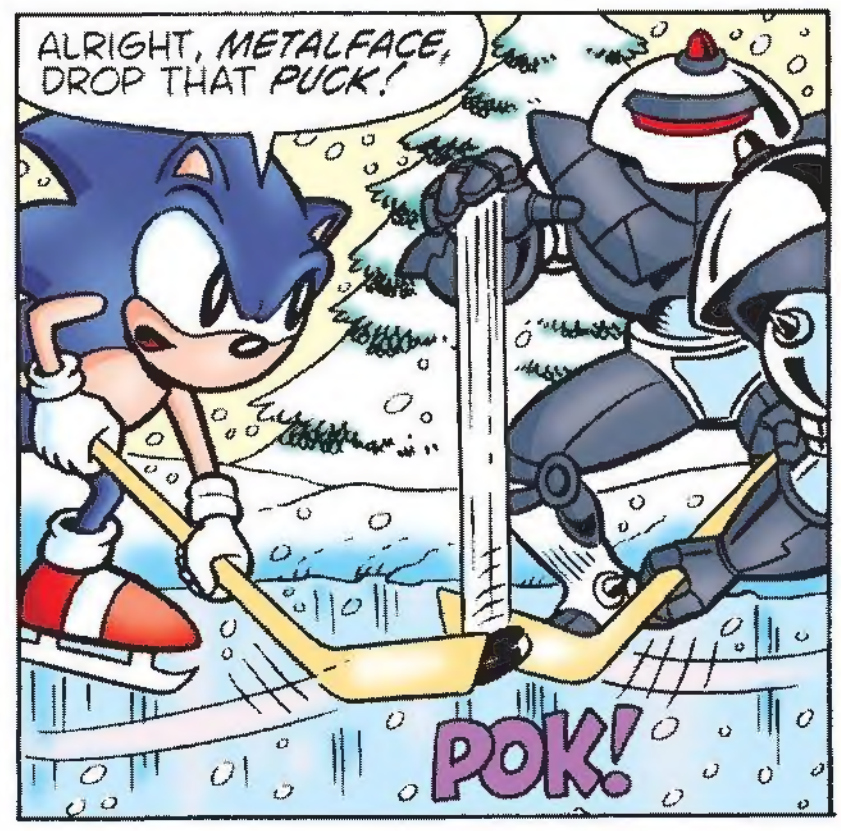
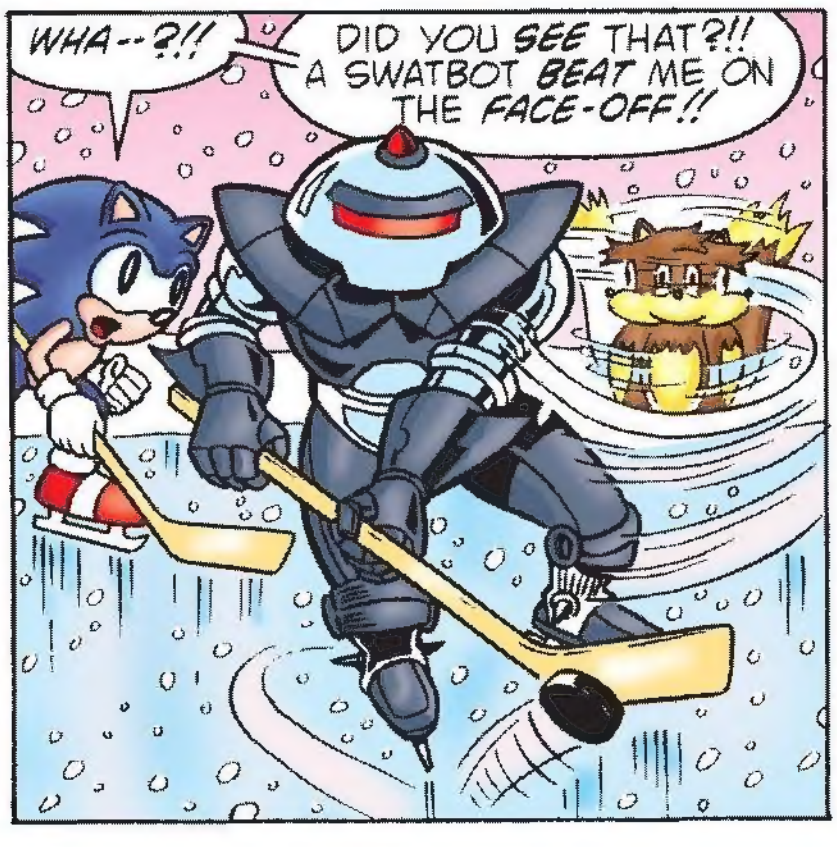

AND IF YOU WIN?
THIS IS THE PART I REALLY LIKE--

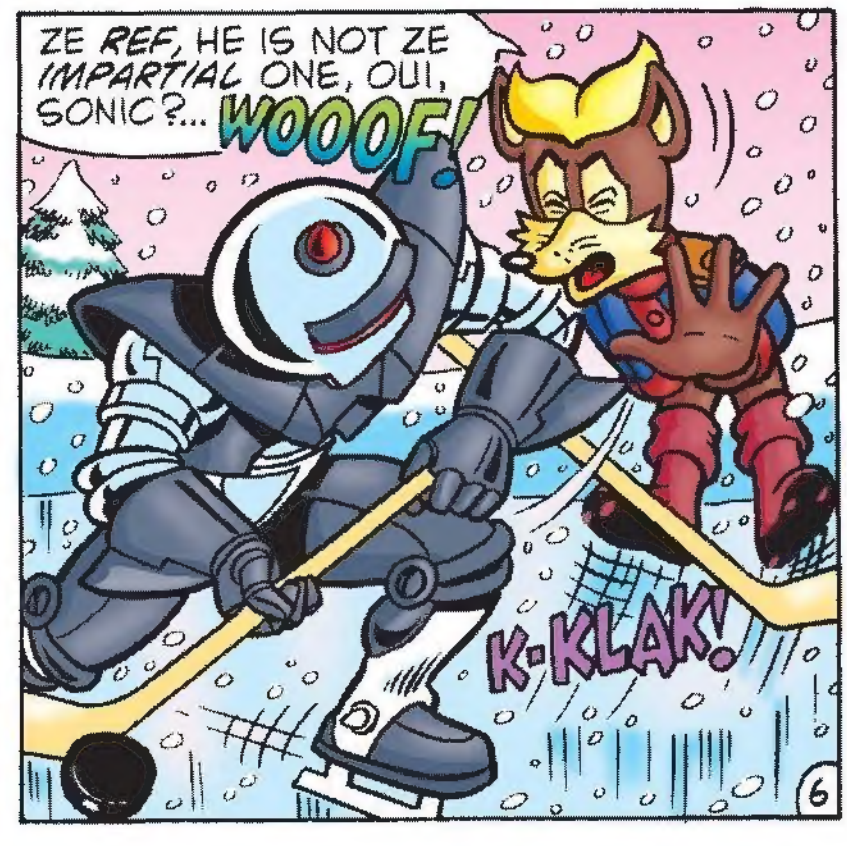
YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE BAND OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS SUBMIT TO THE ROBOTICIZATION PROCESS, BECOMING MY PERSONAL SLAVES!
THAT'S A BIT DRASTIC, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
BUT OKAY, CONEHEAD--
YOU'RE ON!

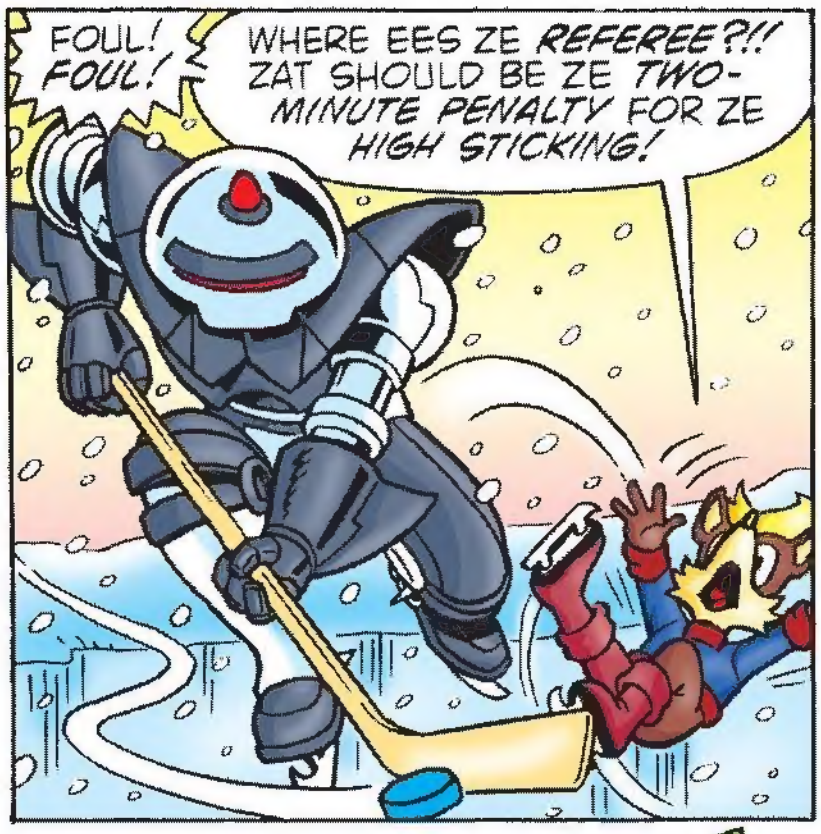

ONE LAST THING, IN THE EVENT OF A TIE--
--WE GO TO SUDDEN DEATH OVERTIME!
OBVIOUSLY!


NO TRICKS, EH?
NOT ON MY PART!
IN FACT, THIS IS ONE TIME MY MONEY IS ON YOU!

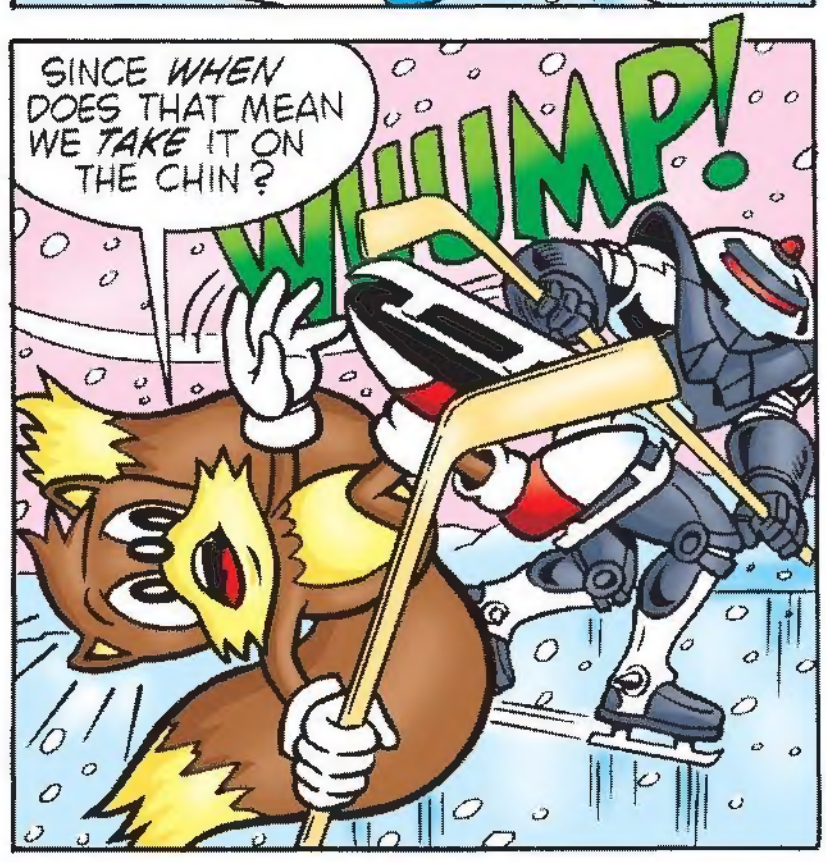

ALRIGHT, METALFACE, DROP THAT PUCK!
POK!

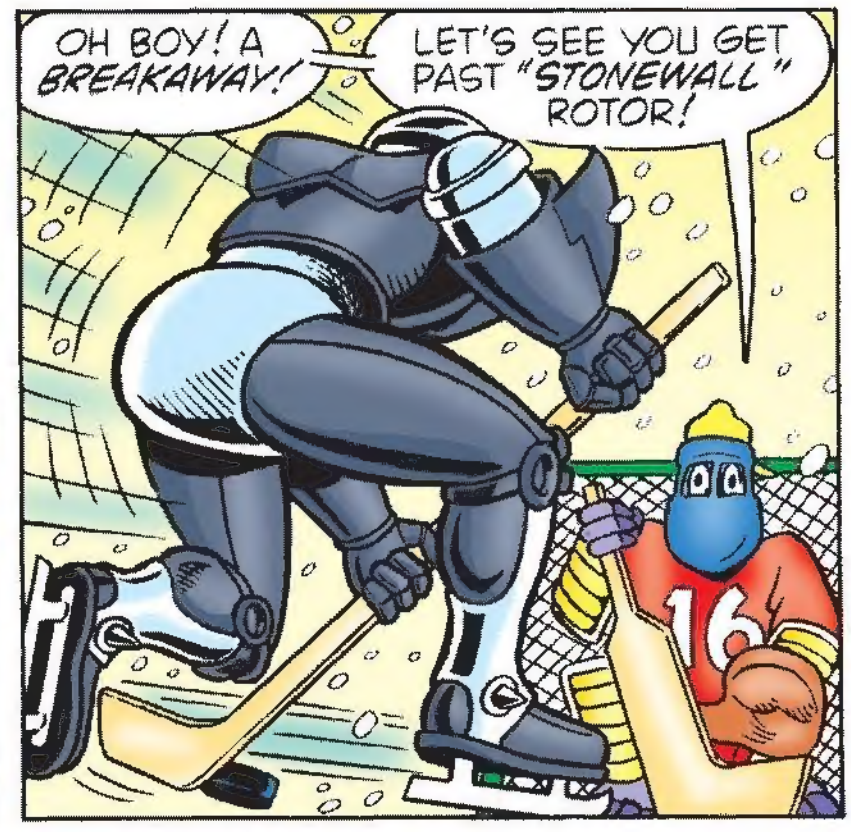

WHA--?!!
DID YOU SEE THAT?!! A SWATBOT BEAT ME ON THE FACE-OFF!!


ZE REF, HE IS NOT ZE IMPARTIAL ONE, OUI, SONIC?...
WOOOF!
K-KLAK!


FOUL! FOUL!
WHERE EES ZE REFEREE?!! ZAT SHOULD BE ZE TWO-MINUTE PENALTY FOR ZE HIGH STICKING!

HERE'S WHERE I TRIP HIM UP!
TAILS! REALLY!
WE'RE THE GOOD GUYS!
RATS! KILLJOY!


SINCE WHEN DOES THAT MEAN WE TAKE IT ON THE CHIN?
WUMP!


OH BOY! A BREAKAWAY!
LET'S SEE YOU GET PAST "STONEWALL" ROTOR!
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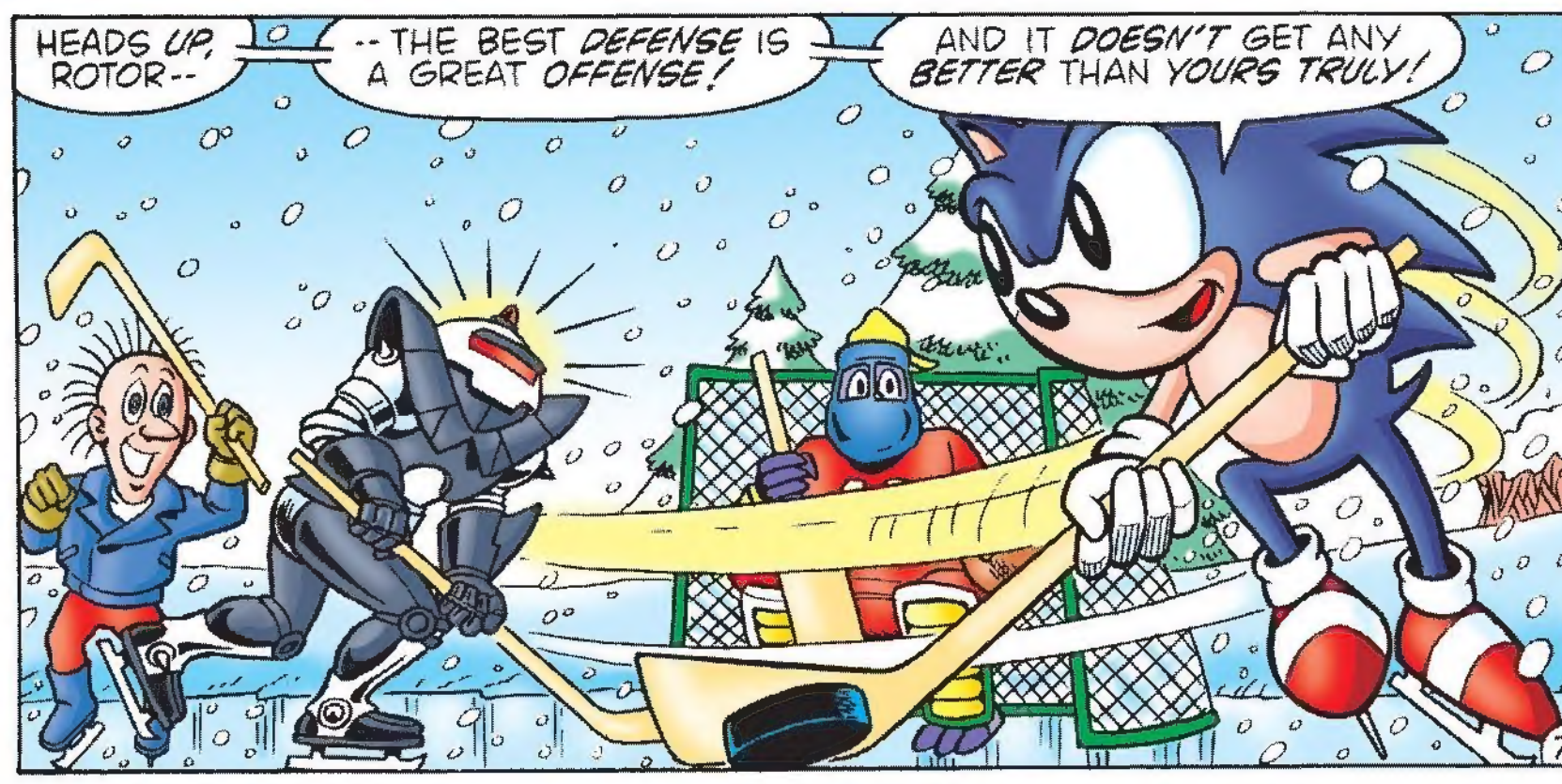
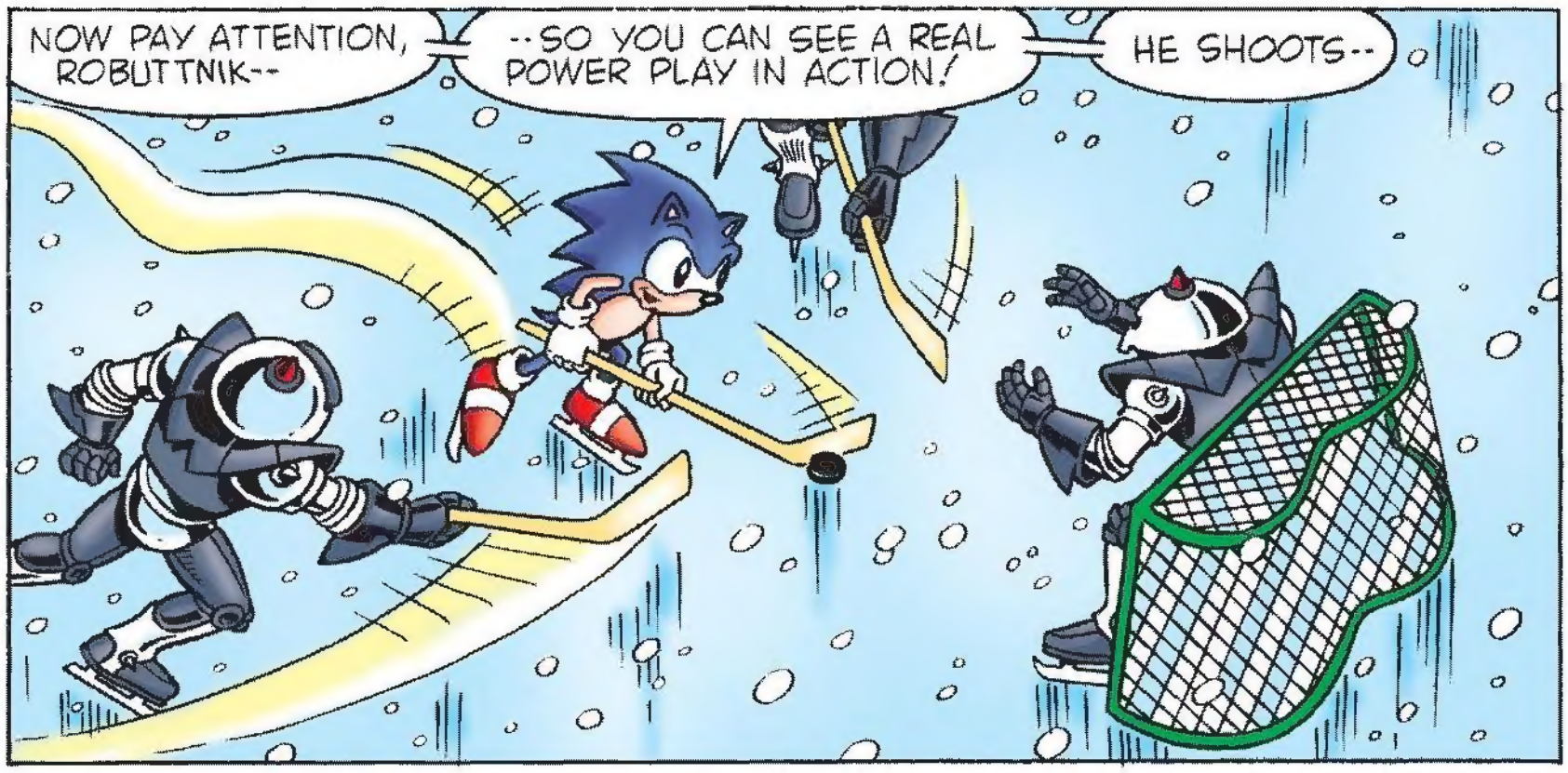

HEADS UP, ROTOR--
--THE BEST DEFENSE IS A GREAT OFFENSE!
AND IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN YOURS TRULY!


NOW PAY ATTENTION, ROBUTTNIK--
--SO YOU CAN SEE A REAL POWER PLAY IN ACTION!
HE SHOOTS--

HE SCORES!

THAT'S *IT*! GAME *OVER*! WE *WON* --FAIR AND SQUARE!
YOU *LOST* THE BET!
YESSS!

UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, I'M A *SORE LOSER*!
YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO *SETTLE* FOR THE FACT I'M ALLOWING YOU TO *WALK* AWAY AND FIGHT *ANOTHER* DAY!

SOME *CONSOLATION*!
WHY ARE YOU *SMILING*, SNIVELY? *YOUR* TEAM LOST!
FOR ONCE, I WAS *GLAD* TO SEE SOMEONE *STICK IT* TO THE *DOCTOR* INSTEAD OF ME!
GOAL